

# Top Tips for Enjoying Reading With Your Child

## Enjoy it!

- + Snuggle up with a book that you both enjoy.
- + Give encouragement and praise when your child has a go.
- + Remember reading should be fun.
- + Show your child how you enjoy reading.

## Make time and space!

- + Find time for you to be together.
- + Ten relaxed minutes are more enjoyable than twenty rushed ones.
- + Try to find a quiet place without distractions, turn the TV off!
- + If they are tired or reluctant read to them instead, don't force them!

## Be positive!

- + Praise, encouragement and support go a long way.

## Find out what they like to read

- + Join the local library to widen the range of books that they can choose from.
- + Let your child make their own reading choices sometimes. They need to develop reasons why they like or dislike books. It's ok not to like some books!
- + Recognise opportunities for reading all of the time –posters, maps, fliers, recipes, instructions.

## Talk!

- + Talking about books helps your child become more interested and involved with reading.
- + Asking questions will help your child to understand the text.
- + Ask the children for predictions and opinions about the text.