



## Reading in Early Years

A few pointers for reading with your child at home:

- Try and find a place that's quiet and comfy away from the television.
- Talk about the book before you read it.
- Talk about the pictures
- Use stories with repeating phrases to help your child ...join in.
- If your child really wants to "sound out" a word let them have a try - supply the word if they are struggling.
- Ask some questions about what they think will happen next, what they think about a character etc.
- Encourage your child to hold the book the proper way, reading from left to right, always use the 'context' of the pictures - never cover these up.

### Useful Links

[Reading at home Oxford Owls](#)

[Oxford Owl E Book Library](#)

[Top Tips to support your child reading at home](#)



### Further ways to help:

- Before your child can read let them tell the story from the pictures - talk about what they think will happen next, let them turn the pages.
- Make story boxes with props from around the house to go with a story, and bring it to life.
- Let your child see you reading books, magazines and newspapers (it is good for boys to see male role models reading!)
- Encourage children to notice and read the print around them, i.e. street names, shop names, road signs, etc.
- Don't forget traditional nursery rhymes - children often know the words and love to pretend to "read" them
- Join the Library
- Stories on CD are loved by children.
- Games and puzzles are a fantastic way of helping your child to read.
- Books are expensive but it is important that children have some favourite stories and information books to keep.

