

Encourage reading choice

Give children lots of opportunities to read different things in their own time - it doesn't just have to be books. There's fiction, non-fiction, poetry, comics, magazines, recipes and much more.

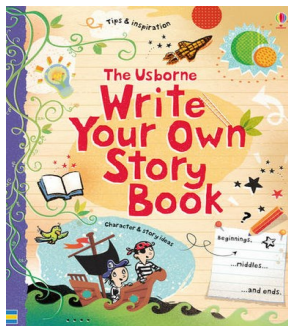
Talk about books

This is a great way to make connections, develop understanding and make reading even more enjoyable. Start by discussing the front cover and talking about what it reveals and suggests what the book could be about. You could discuss something that happened that surprised you or something new that you found out. You could talk about how the book makes you feel and whether it reminds you of anything.



Bring reading to life

Try cooking a recipe you've read together. Would you recommend it to a friend? Alternatively, play a game where you pretend to be characters from a book. Try creating your child's very own book by using photos from your day and adding captions.



Top Tips to Support your Child with Reading



Encourage your child to read

Reading helps your child's wellbeing, develops imagination and has educational benefits too. Just a few minutes a day can have a big impact on children of all ages.



Read aloud regularly

Try to read to your child every day. It's a special time to snuggle up and enjoy a story. Stories matter and children love re-reading them and poring over the pictures. Try adding funny voices to bring characters to life.



Read together

Choose a favourite time to read together. This might be everyone reading the same book together, reading different things at the same time or getting your children to read to each other.



Make use of your local library

Libraries offer books to borrow as well as audiobooks and ebooks. Joining your local library is free and opens up a whole world of reading.

