

## **Reading and Book Sharing at Home with your Child - EYFS**

### **Spending just 10 minutes book-sharing together every day:**

- Helps your child develop social and emotional skills
- Strengthens their bond with you
- Helps them grow into a confident, happy learner



Reading and sharing story times with your child is one of the best ways to help your child progress through school.

### **Tips to help you enjoy books together every day:**

- Use different voices; make animal noises or sound effects to help bring a story to life. It will make you both laugh too!
- Cuddle up together or get brothers and sisters to join in and enjoy stories and nursery rhymes together.
- Ask questions when you're reading together such as:
  1. "What can you see on this page?"
  2. "How do you think the character feels?"
- Let your child be the storyteller. They can 'read' the pictures to you and talk about what is happening on the page.
- Find somewhere quiet away from noise, television and mobile phones.

### **Look at the pictures and start talking about them:**

- "Can you find a dinosaur or a rabbit? What else can you see?"
- "How many bananas are there?"
- "What games are the children playing?"
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**The more you talk together, the more words your child will learn.**

### **Other things you can do to help:**

- Play a guessing game when you're out and about together. Ask your child what numbers or letters they see on buses, signs and posters. Talk about all the words you see in the environment around you.
- Encourage your child to ask lots of questions. Asking questions is one of the most important skills that a learner needs.

