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Growing & learning together!

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Here are some great ideas:

As parents & carers you are probably helping your child with reading much more than you may realise. If your home contains books, magazines and catalogues, if your child sees *you* reading, if you read to your child and talk together about familiar stories and if you also use printed materials to find things out, then your child already has a head start in this area!

- 📖 Remember that talking about reading is very important, so if your child is sometimes reluctant to read aloud, discussing a book will also help to develop reading skills.
- 🌀 Concentrate on enjoyment and grasping the meaning rather than absolute accuracy.
- 📺 Keep reading time relaxed, comfortable and pleasurable, in a quiet corner, with the television turned off.
- ✉ Talk about the cover and read the title before rushing your child into the text. Ask questions, such as: what do you think it will be about? What sort of book is it? Have you read one like this before?
- 📁 Look through the book, noticing interesting pictures and words, then read the opening together.

- 📖 Don't correct too quickly. If your child makes an error, suggest having another go, searching the pictures for a clue, sounding out the first letter or reading on before you 'tell' the problem word.
- 📖 If your child is really struggling, take over the reading yourself and let the teacher know.
- 📖 When your child brings home a book that they may have read before, ask for a summary before reading it again & then discuss the book at a deeper level than last time.
- 📖 As your child progresses, talk about authors, characters and plots or what new information has been learnt.
- 📖 If your child reads silently, ask him or her to re-tell the part that has been read and encourage the 'pointing out' of relevant sections in the text.
- 😊 Finally, remember reading should always be a wonderfully *enjoyable* pastime!



Remember ...
 make reading fun,
 relaxed & interesting!
 You'll find it's
 enjoyable
 for you too!