

Some things to think about:

Children need 1000 hours of lap time before they are ready to learn to read.

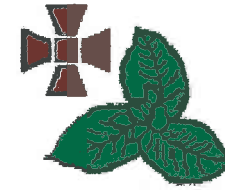
Children want to be like their adults; if you read, they will read .

“Reading helps me to write.”

“Reading makes me happy and nice.”

“Reading helps me learn.”

“Reading helps me go to sleep.”



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**Recommended Reading for
Nursery and Reception**



Top Tips for Reading With your Child

Set aside some time

Find somewhere quiet without any distractions - turn off the TV/radio/computer.

Ask your child to choose a book

Sharing books they have chosen shows you care what they think and that their opinion matters. This means they are more likely to engage with the book. It doesn't matter if you've read it together before.

Sit close together

Encourage your child to hold the book themselves and/or turn the pages.

Point to the pictures

If there are illustrations, relate them to something your child knows. Ask them to describe the characters or situation or what will happen next. Encourage them to tell you the story by looking at the pictures.

Encourage your child to talk about the book

Talking about the characters and their dilemmas helps children understand relationships and is an excellent way for you to get to know each other or discuss difficult issues. Give your child plenty of time to respond. Ask them what will happen next, how a character might be feeling, or how the book makes them feel.

Read yourself

Make sure your child sees you reading for pleasure regularly.

Don't forget to involve grandparents!

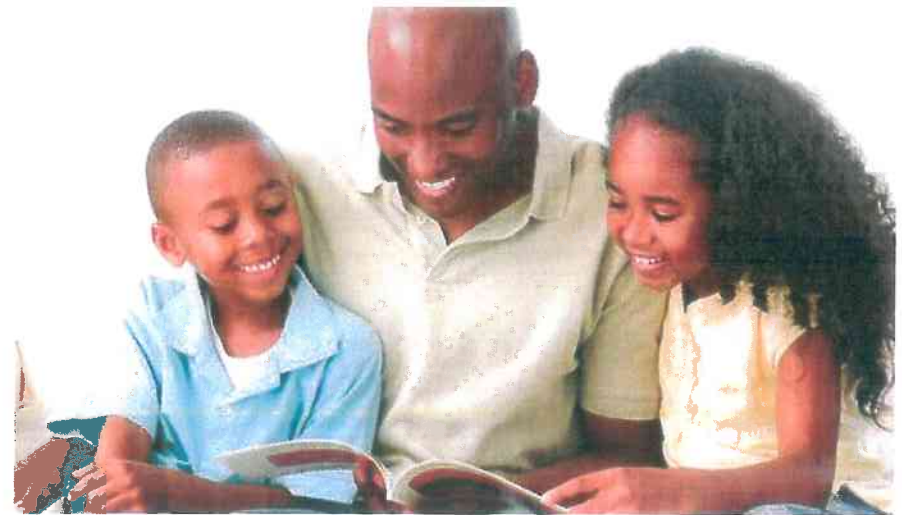
In fact, include all members of the family. Why not?

Join the library

Go regularly—it's free!

And lastly, above all - make it fun!

It doesn't matter how you read with a child, as long as you both enjoy the time together. Don't be afraid to use funny voices: children love it!



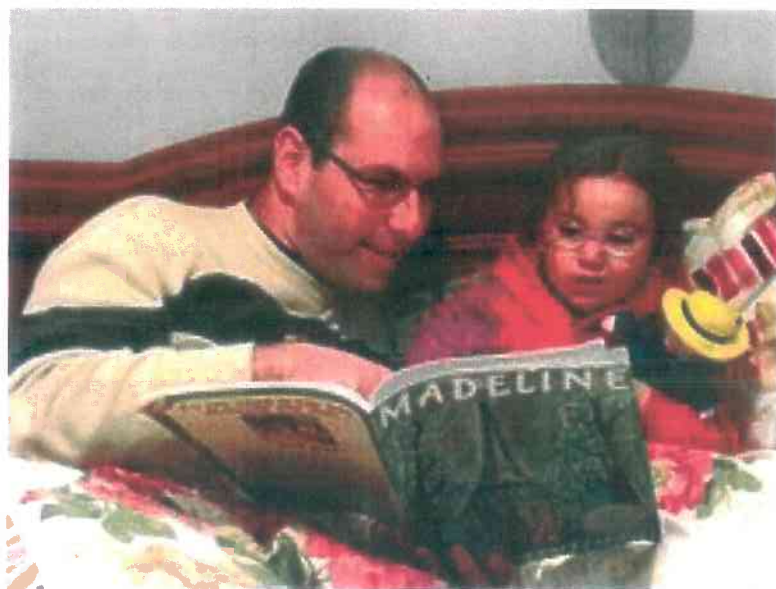
Some helpful websites:

<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

<http://www.bookstart.org.uk/bookstart-bear-club/>

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/>

<http://www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk/>



Blake, Quentin
Bradman, Tony
Brown, Ruth
Browne, Eileen
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Bruce, Lisa
Burningham, John
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Butterworth, Nick
Campbell, Rod
Campbell, Rod
Campbell, Rod
Carle, Eric
Carle, Eric
Cooke, Trish
Cooper, Helen
Crebbin, June
Crebbin, June
Dale, Penny
Dale, Penny
Dodd, Emma
Dodd, Lynley

Donaldson, Julia
Donaldson, Julia
Donaldson, Julia
Fox, Mem

Simpkin
Through my window
A dark, dark tale
Handa's hen
Handa's surprise
Engines, engines
Mr Gumpy's motor car
Mr Gumpy's outing
Oil! Get off our train
Jasper's beanstalk
Dear zoo
It's mine
Oh dear!
The very busy spider
The very hungry caterpillar
So much
The bear under the stairs
Cows in the kitchen
The train ride
The boy on the bus
Ten in the bed
I don't want a posh dog
Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's
Dairy
Chocolate mousse for greedy goose
The Gruffalo
Room on the broom
Ten little fingers and ten little
toes

Gravett, Emily
Grindley, Sally
Hayes, Sarah
Hayes, Sarah
Hill, Eric
Hutchins, Pat
Hutchins, Pat
Hutchins, Pat
Hutchins, Pat
Inkpen, Mick
Inkpen, Mick
Inkpen, Mick
Inkpen, Mick
Lacome, Julie
Laird, Elizabeth
Martin, Bill

Martin, Bill

Mayo, Margaret
Mayo, Margaret
McKee, David
McKee, David
Mills, David

Mills, David

Murphy, Jill
Murphy Jill
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Orange, pear, apple, bear
Knock, knock, who's there?
Nine ducks nine
This is the bear
Where's Spot?
Don't forget the bacon
Rosie's walk
Titch
You'll soon grow into them, Titch
The blue balloon
Kipper
Kipper's toy box
Lullabyhullabaloo
Walking through the jungle
Beautiful bananas
Brown bear, brown bear, what do
you see?
Polar bear, polar bear, what do
you hear?
Choo choo clickety-clack
Dig, dig, digging
Elmer
Not now, Bernard
Lima's red hot chilli
(available in many languages)
Mei Ling's hiccups
(available in many languages)
Five minutes peace
On the way home
Peace at last

Murphy, Jill
Pfister, Marcus
Rosen, Michael
Rowe, John
Sendak, Maurice
Sharratt, Nick
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Stickland, Henrietta
Sutton, Eve
Swain, Gwenyth
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Swain, Gwenyth
Tafari, Nancy
Umansky, Kaye
Waddell, Martin
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Walsh, Melanie
West, Colin
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Wood, Jakki
Zephaniah, Benjamin

Whatever next
The rainbow fish
We're going on a bear hunt
Can you spot the spotty dog?
Where the wild things are
Faster, Faster! Nice and slow!
The foggy, foggy forest
Ketchup on your cornflakes?
Dinosaur roar
My cat likes to hide in boxes
Bedtime!
Carrying
Celebrating
Eating
Smiling
Tidy up!
Washing!
Five little chicks
Pass the jam, Jim
Farmer duck
Owl babies
The pig in the pond
My world, your world
Have you seen the crocodile?
Hello, great big bullfrog
"Not me," said the monkey
"Pardon?" said the giraffe
Bumper to bumper
J is for Jamaica