

Top tips for sharing books

Sharing a book with your child is fun!
It's a time for closeness, laughing and talking together.



Spending 10 minutes a day reading **to** your child helps them to develop social and emotional skills and become confident, happy learners.

Ideas on how to get the most out of sharing books together

- Remember your child has chosen this book so they are already interested!
- If you can, turn off the TV, radio, computer and phone – it's easier to enjoy the book without any other distractions.
- Sit close together, this can be a great time for snuggling! Encourage your child to hold the book and turn the pages.
- Take a look at the pictures. You don't have to read the words on the page, pictures and photographs can tell amazing stories without words. You could always make up your own!
- Maybe there's something funny in the pictures that you can giggle about together, allow time for your child to simply look at the pictures and respond. Remember there is no right or wrong answer when talking about pictures.
- If you can read the book to your child. Take time to listen to any responses your child might make, valuing their ideas and opinions will boost confidence.
- Most importantly have fun! There's no right or wrong way to share a story – as long as you and your child are having fun. Don't be afraid to use funny voices, your child will love it!



Your child will choose their 'Sharing library book' on a Thursday and keep this for one week. It's OK to read the same book again and again because familiar books are comforting and will build confidence and resilience.

Please date and comment in your child's reading record when the book is shared. Any WOW moments can be recorded on a star and these will be shared in class before adding to your child's learning journal.

Thank you for your support
Happy reading!

