

Reading with your child



Dear Families,
Spending **10 minutes a day** reading to your child can make a **HUGE** difference. Sharing picture books, rhymes, comics and poems will help your child to learn and develop so many skills!

Why read?



Sharing books and stories is fun! It's a great way to build special memories and moments with your child. It can easily become a favourite part of the day and give your child a flying start in life!

It will also help your child to:

- understand about the world around them
- build their confidence with communication
- learn about letters, words and stories
- strengthen their bond with you
- develop really important social and emotional skills
- improve their vocabulary by learning lots of new and interesting words

How you can help

- Find somewhere away from the phone, TV, radio, computer and tablet. This will help your child to focus. Take time to look at and talk about each page.
- Ask questions when you are reading together: What do you think will happen next?; How do you think the character feels?
- Link the story to their own experiences. Can they remember when they did or felt something similar?
- Can your child tell you the story? They can 'read' the pictures to you. Doing this will help them with so many literacy skills!
- Make looking at books, magazines or writing, when you are out and about together, part of your daily routine. This helps your child to understand what different texts can be used for.