### Literacy for ALL in our Playrooms



#### House Keeping

• Restrooms

• Fire Safety

• Tea/Coffee



Literacy for ALL - Year 2			
Content	Date	Time	
Session 1 Fostering A Love for Reading; Our Role	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 - 12pm	
Session 2 Developing our Storytelling	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30 - 12pm	
Session 3 Gross and Fine Motor Development	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	9:30 -12pm	
Session 4 Mark Making and Emergent Writing	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30 -12pm	
Educational Psychologists (Year 1 and Year 2)	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	9:30-12pm	



### Aims AM

- To consider how we build on and sustain successes of year one.
- To explore the role we play in supporting the home learning environment whilst promoting reading for pleasure at home.
- To explore the role we play in helping children to foster a love for reading within our settings through the learning environment.



## Getting to know the group

Share in your group



- Your experience of reading for pleasure -
  - How often do you read for pleasure?
  - In what contexts do you read for pleasure?
  - How does your centre currently promote reading for pleasure with children and families?



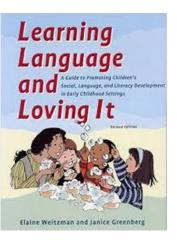
# Reflection

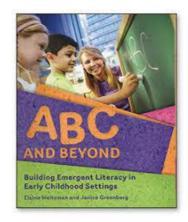


## Reflection Listening and Talking Year 1

- Sparkle Words
- Shooting for the SSTARS
- Interactive Shared Reading 1
- Extending Conversations
- Observing, Waiting and Listening
- **Provocations for Talk**
- Phonological Awareness









# Self-evaluation

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## Realising the Ambition



National practice guidance for early years in Scotland

#### When I am a toddler...

- Give me opportunities to mirror and listen to adults and other children using gestures, sound and visual cues. This encourages me to participate in and explore language.
- Encourage me to explore, distinguish and react to sounds in the environment with you.
- Play with language encouraging me to have fun investigating and experimenting with words, rhymes, songs and musical instruments.
- Enrich and extend my verbal and non-verbal interactions using familiar and unfamiliar language and vocabulary.
- Provide opportunities for role-play which combine familiar and new environments, routines and objects to deepen my language experience.
- Continue to share quality picture books with me (including both pictures and text) connecting with my interests and family life, encouraging reciprocal story-telling between you and me.
- Help me connect with stories on a personal and imaginative level, developing an understanding that text conveys meaning.
- Give me sensory and tactile experiences which encourage me to babble, talk and have fun with books.
- Incorporate a wide range of interesting resources which encourage me to communicate ideas through mark making, painting and drawing.
- Provide me with lots of opportunities to develop my gross and fine motor skills.

#### When I am a young child...

- Provide different opportunities for me to express my thoughts, feelings and opinions, and consider those of others, with adults and my peers in one to one situations and in small groups
- Encourage me to notice patterns, similarities and differences in sounds and words.
- Play with language encouraging me to have fun investigating and experimenting with words, rhymes, songs and musical instruments, drawing attention to familiar words, phrases and names in my environment.
- Continue to enrich and extend my verbal and non-verbal interactions using familiar and unfamiliar language and vocabulary, relating to my home and life experiences.
- Extend role-play building on my life experiences and interests encouraging interactions, conversations and new vocabulary.
- Continue to provide me with quality picture books alongside a range of different media, fiction and non-fiction texts, connecting with my interests and family life, encouraging reciprocal story-telling between me and you.
- Encourage enjoyment, engagement and meaning of stories and explore the connections between text and illustrations.
- Continue to give sensory and tactile experiences by providing resources which support talking about stories and factual texts and having fun with books.
- Encourage me to notice the purpose of writing in all environments and to enjoy communicating my ideas through the written word.
- Provide me with lots of opportunities to develop my gross and fine motor skills.

through my early years of childhood





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Early Years Literacy Rich Learning Environment Toolkit



#### Reading – Interactions and Experiences

Reading	Where are we now?	How do you know?	Where would you like to be? (Actions)
Interactions and Experiences			
Reading is explicitly planned for e.g. Interactive Shared Reading, Sparkle Words, Shooting for the SSTARS, Effective Questions and Think Alouds, book of the month.			
There are opportunities for 1:1 and small group storytelling sessions.			
There are opportunities to retell stories through role play, e.g. fabrics for dressing up and a range of props.			
Children are involved in choosing books to read for enjoyment.			
Children are involved in recording books that have been read and enjoyed and/or voting for favourite stories/book of the month with adult support.			



# Reading for Pleasure

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#### "A country that loves reading is a strong, fair and tolerant country where everyone has an equal opportunity to thrive."

*Lynch, E. (2024) How reading for pleasure can tackle poverty* 



### Literacy versus Reading for Pleasure – What's the difference?

Literacy:

- the ability to read and write
- skill based

Reading for pleasure:

"Reading for pleasure is more closely associated with **intrinsic motivation**; it is reading that **children do for themselves** at their **own pace**, with **whom they choose** and in their **own way**."

> Cremlin, T (2020) Reading communities: why, what and how?



#### Reading for Pleasure

## Importance of reading for pleasure

"It matters socially, because children who read for pleasure simply do better in life. They have a **better sense of well-being**. They reach **greater levels of attainment in all subjects**. By feeding **knowledge**, **imagination** and by engaging **empathy**, reading feeds children's growing humanity. **Nothing less than children's life chances are at stake**."

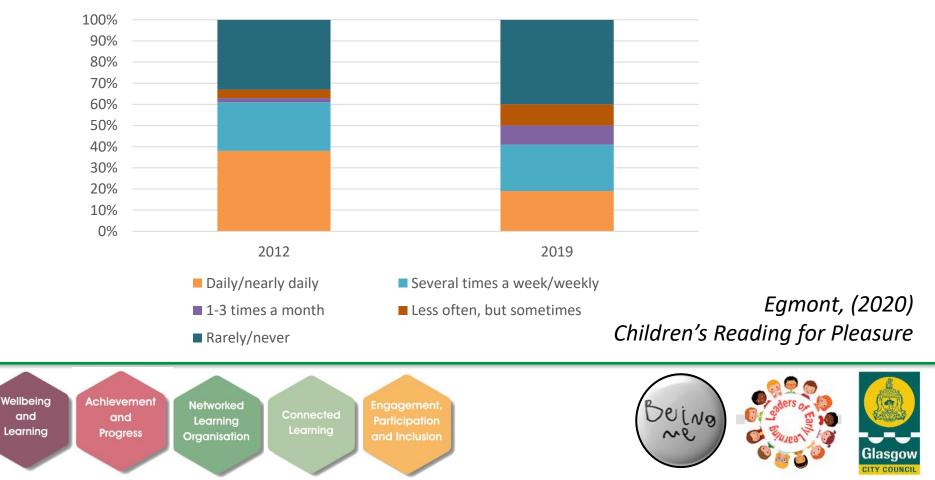
Egmont (2020)

Children Reading for Pleasure



## Pleasure Frequency of reading for pleasure

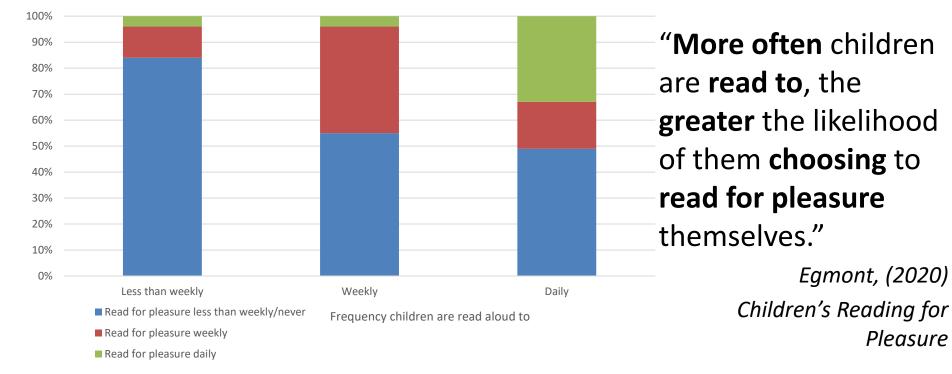
Children, aged 0-4 years, who read for pleasure daily/nearly daily



Reading for Pleasure

### Frequency of Reading Aloud to Children

Correlation between frequency of children, aged 0-4 years, being read aloud to and their reading for pleasure



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#### "If all children are read to at [nursery], every day then all children will be exposed to the pleasures of reading, no matter their family circumstance. It would be the ultimate in inclusivity."

*Egmont (2020) Children Reading for Pleasure* 



# Home Learning Environment

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# How important is the home learning environment?

#### "...the quality of the home learning environment is more important to intellectual and cognitive development than parental factors, such as occupation and education." Cole et al (2022)

Early Language Skills:

*The role of the home learning environment and emerging insights into the impact of the pandemic* 

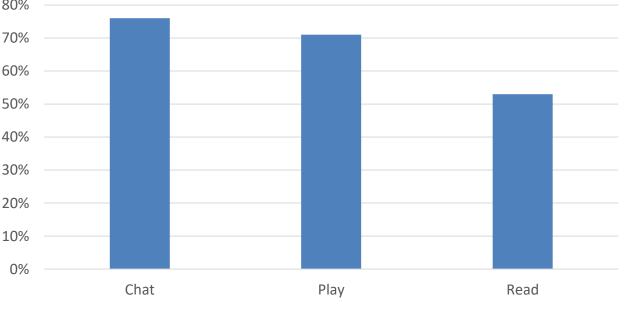




#### Frequency of key learning activities in the home – insight into impact of COVID 19

Parents of children aged birth – 5 years 80% were surveyed in 2021 and asked, how often they participated in different learning activities over a week.

Learning activities carried out in the home, at least once a day, over the last week



At least once a day



# Our Role: Home Learning Environment

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What does your setting currently do to promote reading for pleasure at home?

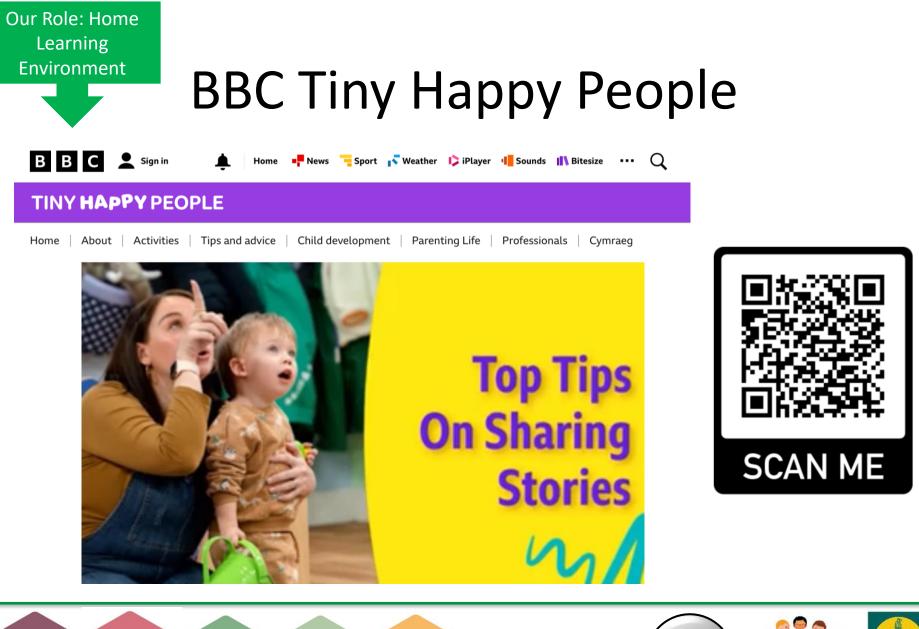
Are there any barriers to promoting reading for pleasure in the home? If so, what are they and how could they be overcome?



#### Cour Role: Home Learning Environment Our role in helping to foster reading for pleasure – at home

- Support parents understanding of the importance and benefits of reading at home
- Build parents confidence through modelling
- Guest storytellers
- Lending libraries parents and children
- Library visits
- Bookbug gifting event





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### Scottish Book Trust



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Writing and authors Learning and resources Browse and search



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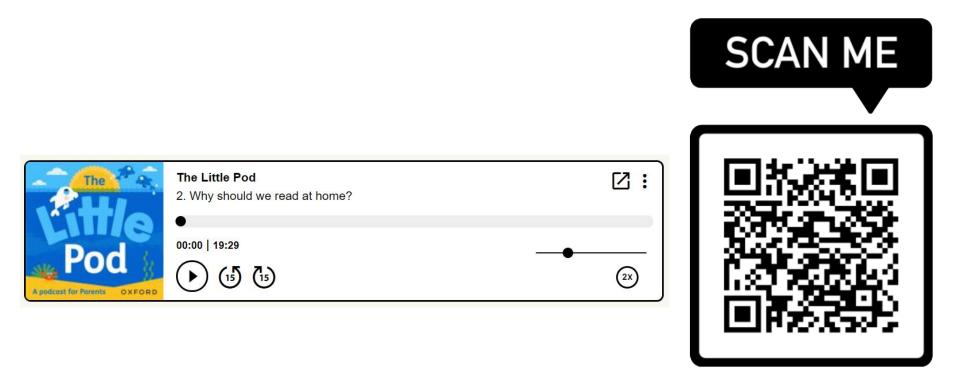
# Tips for parents sharing picture books at home







## The Little Pod: A podcast for Parents





#### **Our Role: Home** Learning **Environment**



#### **Examples of Read Alouds**

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GLASGOW COUNTS IN OUR PLAYROOMS

LITERACY FOR ALL IN OUR PLAYROOMS

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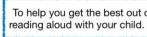
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Training

Learning at Home Webinar Presentation

How to access and save Learning at Home experience







**FIND US** 

The Button Book By Sally Nicholls

#### Watch and listen



To help you get the best out of the book here are some ideas to talk about when reading aloud with your child. We hope you and your child enjoy reading together!



#### **Before Reading**

- Look at the picture on the front cover.
- "What animals do you see on the front cover?"
- "Can you name the button shapes the animals are standing on?" "I wonder if you can also name the colours of the button shapes?"
- Read the title aloud.
- "I wonder why the animals are standing on buttons?"

#### **During Reading**

- "I wonder what will happen when they press the orange button?"
- "What is your favourite button shape?" "Can you tell me why?"
- "I wonder what happens when we press the button on the wall in your bedroom?"
- "I liked when the animals started to sing!" "What is your favourite song?"

#### After Reading

- In the story the animals have lots of fun pressing different buttons. "What was your favourite button the animals pressed?" "Can you tell me why?"
- "What is your favourite button to press at home?"
- In the story the animals liked the hug button. "How does a hug make you feel?"
- The animals really disliked the raspberry button. "Which button did you dislike from the story?" "Can you tell me why you disliked it?"









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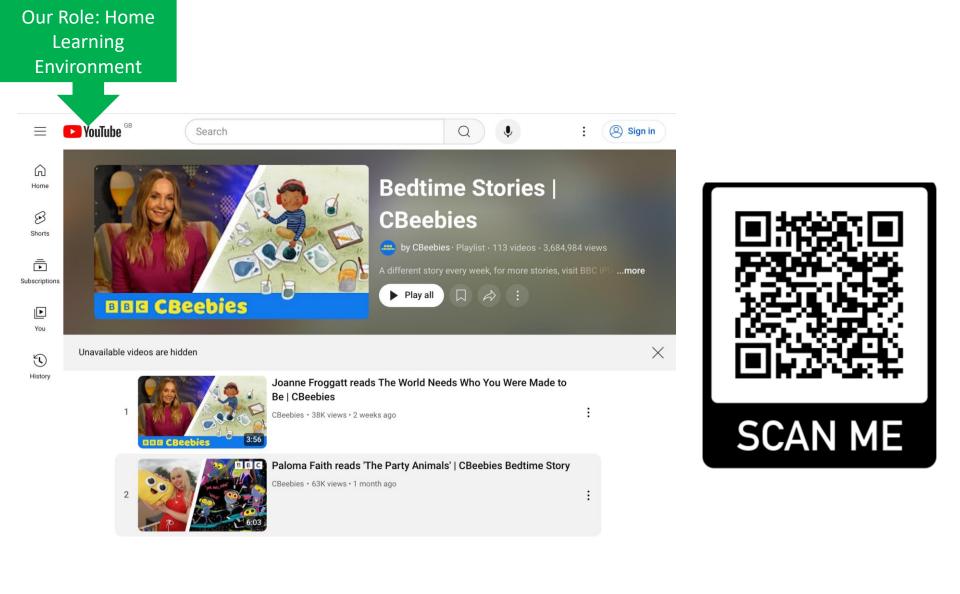
#### Book Chat: Reading with your Child

















Reading to Children - Tips & Techniques - "Itchy Bear" Neil Griffiths - ELC





A universal offer for children's library membership in Scotland.

By offering library membership at nursery enrolment, we can help to build excitement about books through activities and inspiring community spaces that support early language and literacy skills.







### Bookbug

• Aim of programme:

"...to support families to play, read and learn together, fostering the bonding opportunities and the love of reading that are so vital to children's life chances."

Scottish Book Trust (2022)

Book gifting impact study

• 6 free bags from birth – 8 years old = 16 books





Bookbug

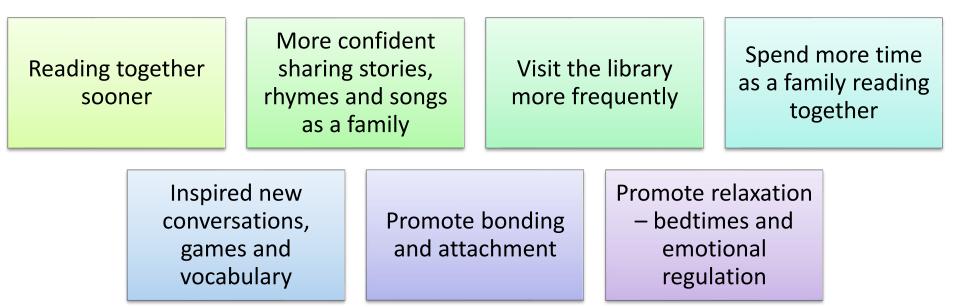


 What does your setting currently do with your Bookbug Explorer Bags?

 How could your setting maximise/improve your gifting approach to support families with reading at home?



#### Corr Role: Home Learning Environment Scottish Book Trust (2022) Book gifting impact study - Findings





Our Role: Home Learning Environment

### Bookbug

"The data suggests that families in the lower SIMD deciles are slightly less likely to recall receiving the book bags and are also less likely to use them as frequently, demonstrating the continued need for additional targeted activities tailored to families' circumstances to maximise impact."

Scottish Book Trust (2022)

Book gifting impact study



#### Our Role: Home Learning Environment

# Bookbug for the Home training

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- Build your understanding of the importance of songs, rhymes and stories for both children and families.
- Learn and practise songs and rhymes and consider how to build these activities into your practice to encourage families to sing and rhyme together.
- Explore a range of picture books and practice reading aloud.
- Signpost families to Bookbug sessions and online resources

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### **Online training dates:**

- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>
   September
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December





# Our Role: Interactions, Experiences and Spaces

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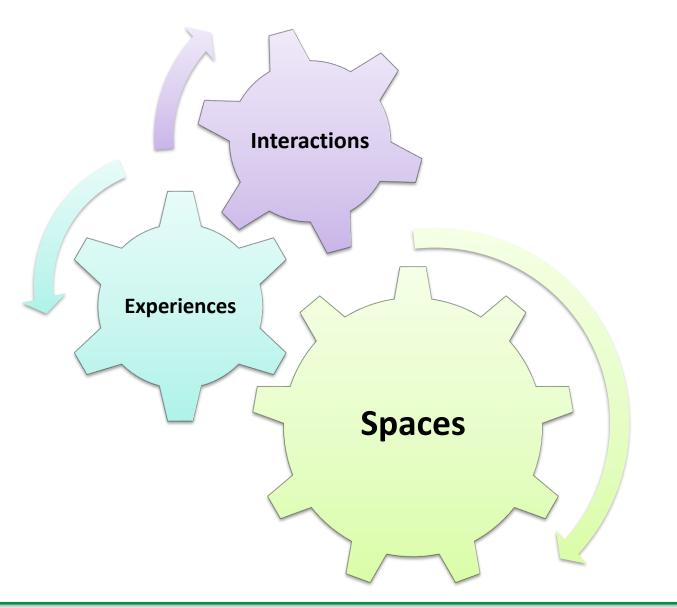
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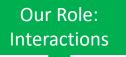
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Our role in helping to foster reading for pleasure in setting









# **Key Considerations**



- Are the length and quality of interactions sufficient to allow children time to think, respond and comment?
- Are adults modelling, commenting and questioning in a way that is scaffolding learning effectively and extending children's thinking?
- Are children supported to communicate their thoughts, ideas and feelings in a range of ways? Do children repeat actions, ideas or language that have been modelled or introduced by the adult?
- Are practitioners using vocal tone, volume, pitch and gesture to convey meaning?

SEIC: Developing Language and Communication: Stories



Our Role: Interactions and Spaces



"If as [practitioners] we hold the reading reins too tightly and don't ensure that our **reading for pleasure pedagogy** is **reader-led**, **reader-directed and readerowned**, we will never create communities of engaged readers. Honouring **children's choice** of texts is key, as is allowing them to exercise their rights as readers. The **spaces** and **places** that seek to **foster engagement** need to be **child-owned**, **informal**, **sociable**..."

Cremlin, T.(2019)

Reading communities: why, what and how?









#### Images from the LfA Framework Supporting Guidance backpages







Consider the spaces within the indoor and outdoor environment of your setting:

 How do they encourage enjoyment and choice where children can access texts independently as and when they wish?







## Key Considerations: Availability



The texts within your spaces: Are **representative** of the **society** we live in

**Reflect** the **identities** of your children and families e.g. culture, dual language

Have characters that represent diversity and inclusion

Promote gender balance and challenge stereotypes

Include repetitive language, interesting vocabulary, rhythm/rhyming patterns

Connect to children's interests and experiences

Link to spaces within your provision e.g. blockplay, home area

Offer sensory exploration e.g. tactile, flap books

Represent a range of different texts e.g. non-fiction, magazines, comics





## Key Considerations: Accessibility



The texts within your spaces:	Are accessible to children to explore independently and socially					
	Attractively displayed with front cover visible					
	Can be enjoyed within a cosy and comfortable space					
	Can be located in both the indoor and outdoor environment					
	Include some props and/or puppets that enable children to read the story how they wish					
	Can be shared with an available adult as and when children show an interest.					
	Can be listened to when an adult is not available e.g. listening station, QR codes					







# View from the child

How often am I read to?

Do I have a range of cosy and inviting places for reading stories?

Am I sitting in a quiet space?

Can my friend sit beside me to share a book?

Is there an adult that can read me a story?





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### Education Scotland – Supporting children to develop a love of reading











# Literacy Framework: Reading

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#### Early Level Tracker 1



Reading	Enjoyment & Choice LIT 0-01a LIT 0-11a LIT 0-20a LIT 0-01b	Become increasingly aware that there are different types of texts e.g. stories, non fiction	With support, start to select texts that can be explored for enjoyment			With support, discuss a story through illustrations and share likes and dislikes			Begin to develop vocabulary through listening to and exploring different text forms			Be supported to select appropriate texts within collaborative and play contexts		ate nd	Enjoy exploring a reciting nursery rhymes, songs or chants	nd rhymin	etring of ng (can be nse
		rhyme using familiar words o g, own name stories re		oring the rhythm e and listening to read aloud by g role model g role model		ned texts thr on of rhyme,	rough refrain	rgh steady beat alon frain with familiar son		Begin to develop confidence to clap out syllables in own name and familiar 1-3 syllable words		book correctly		Begin to b aware tha conveys m	t print		
	Tools for Reading ENG 0-12a	familiar words as appropriate				aurally identify most ds starting with own riends' names					enerate some words with same itial sound			Begin to recognise the difference between a letter and a word			
	<u>LIT 0-13a</u> <u>LIT 0-21a</u>	Begin to use knowledge of sounds, patterns and word shapes to recognise so words and some sounds within words				some	e Begin to use context clues such as illustrations to support understanding of stories.					Begin to be aware of some basic punctuation when sharing a story					
	Understandin g Analysing and Evaluating <u>LIT 0-07a</u> ENG 0-17a <u>LIT 0-16a</u> <u>LIT 0-19a</u>	Explore and discuss features such as title, author, blurb, illustrator and pictures					Discuss the basic differences between fiction and non fiction and begin to develop understanding								Ask and answer simple open ended questions about events and ideas in a text		
		Use knowledge of familiar patterns and answer questions to help predict what will happen next				5				evant to th some links	Retell familiar stories in different way e.g. role play, puppet drawings					ets and	
	Finding & Using Information <u>LIT 0-14a</u>	Begin to show an awareness of ldentify some familiar print of fiction and non fiction tex from environment choosing texts for a particula				ts when a text to learn new				Begin to answer simple open ended questions about what has been explicitly stated in specific sections of non- fiction texts			Retell some key events from a familiar story				







Tasks

Have a go...

- 1. Use the literacy environment tool to audit your spaces **or** interactions and experiences.
- Carry out observations to support your evaluation of your provision in promoting reading for pleasure.



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