



How can I support my child?

Role Play Reading:

- Read familiar books
- Make sure your child sees you reading
- Use audio tapes of favourite stories and songs
- Tell stories to each other
- Place labels around the house, e.g. James' sock drawer etc.
- Talk about your plans

Experimental Reading:

- Talk about the characters, plots and settings of stories
- Draw attention to the print on jars, packages etc.
- Write a shopping list together
- Write messages on a message board
- Recognise letters on car number plates
- Retell stories from the pictures in books

Early Reading:

- Read to your child every day
- Talk about what might happen next
- Find books in libraries and bookshops
- Look at a T.V. guide together
- Encourage your child to retell stories

Transitional Reading:

- Read humorous books and books that have been made into films
- Help your child to think of a word which would make sense when he/she becomes stuck
- Plan a cookery session using a simple recipe from a cookery book
- Find an interesting article/photo in a newspaper and encourage your child to tell you about it
- Look at weather forecasts together

Conventional Reading:

- Ensure your child is exposed to wide range of reading
- Encourage your child to read for different purposes
- Take an interest in books written by favourite authors
- Support your child's school research
- Collect newspaper articles and identify key words

...And, above all else, give lots of praise and encouragement to your children for the things they do right.

Happy Reading!