



Help at home

Reading

Share a story



Try to look at books every day.

Bedtime is a lovely time to share a book together.

Encourage your child to join in with voices or noises.

Visit the library and let your child choose a book.



Talk about stories

Take time to look at the pictures. Maybe there's something funny in the pictures or your child might like to guess what will happen next.

Ask questions: What can you see? How do you think they feel? Would you like that for breakfast? What else could have happened?

Encourage book handling

Sit together when you share books and let your child help with turning pages.



Talk about what you're doing—"Silly me, my book is upside down." or "Oh no, I missed a page."



Model Reading

Let your child see you reading—it could be a book, a magazine or newspaper.



Share purposeful reading—using recipes when you're cooking, taking a list



shopping, read signs when you're out, use books to find things out.



Role play and telling stories

Tell stories — it doesn't always need to be from a book.

Use teddies, toys or puppets to act out familiar or simple made-up stories.



Make your child's play into a story and start narrating what is happening or giving toys voices. Act out your own stories, dress up if you want to. Children like familiar things—it can just be the story of going to the shops or making breakfast.