

Reading with your child 3-4 years



Top tips for reading together

- Find somewhere quiet away from noise, TV and mobile phones.
- Cuddle up together or get brothers and sisters to join in and enjoy stories and rhymes together.
- Make animal noises or sound effects – these help to bring the story to life and will make you both laugh!
- Ask questions when you're reading together such as:
'What can you see on this page?'
'How do you think the characters feel?'
- Try asking your child to tell the story. They can 'read' the pictures to you and talk about what's happening on the page.
- If you feel comfortable, try making funny faces or using character voices – these always make children giggle!

Learn through having fun

- Play a guessing game when you're out and about together. Ask your child what numbers or letters they can see on buses, posters and signs.
- Let your child enjoy making marks on paper with pencils or crayons. There's no right or wrong way to draw a picture – this is the very first stage of writing and drawing.
- Encourage your child to ask lots of questions – it's one of the most important skills a learner needs!

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

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

This booklet is full of tips and ideas on how to get the most out of sharing books together – we hope you enjoy it!

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Look at the pictures and start talking about them

- Can you find a dinosaur or a rabbit? What else can you see?
- How many bananas are there?
- What games are the children playing?



Let's choose some books!

It's OK to read the same book again and again because familiar books are comforting and build confidence.

But if you're ready for a change, use our Bookfinder to search for books about things your child enjoys. Here you can find book ideas for children of all ages, from babies to teenagers.

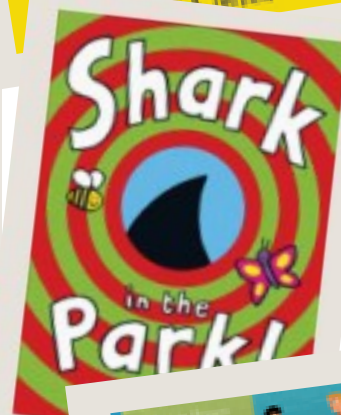
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The next page also has some great new book ideas to get you started.



Looking for more ideas?

- Visit your local library where you can borrow books for free. See if they run a Rhymetime or Storytime session where you can meet other families and enjoy rhymes together!
- Ask your health visitor for ideas on how you can support your child's development by sharing books together.
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Remember: talking with your child will help them learn more words