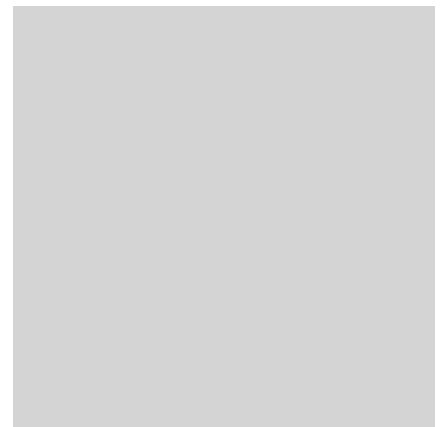




# Reading

## Ways to help your child



When children learn to read and write, they learn how texts are written for different purposes and different audiences. In writing, children learn about the structure and grammar of written language as well as learning about handwriting and spelling.

When your child sees you reading in everyday life – following a recipe, using a shopping list, using the computer, etc, this teaches children that reading is useful for a range of reasons.

Reading with your child at home will help your child in all of the learning areas at school.

### Helping your child at home

- Listen to your child read everyday
- Read aloud to your child. This helps them to learn the language of books. Read together and make reading an enjoyable, shared activity
- Have a wide range of reading material at home, including fiction, non-fiction and computer based information

- Read to your child in your home language - using their home language also helps children learn to read English
- Talk with your child about what they have read and ask what new information they found.

### Listening to your child read:

- Before starting to read a book, talk about the cover, the title, the pictures and discuss what the book may be about
- During reading, stop and ask questions about the story and the pictures and talk about what has happened and what might happen next.

### On finding an unknown word:

- Pause to give your child time to work out the word
- Prompt – go back to the beginning of the sentence, or read past the difficult word to the end of the sentence
- Look for a clue in the picture or the words
- Look at the first letter and the sound it makes to work out what it could be
- When a word is attempted, ask: “Does this make sense?” tell your child the correct word if needed.