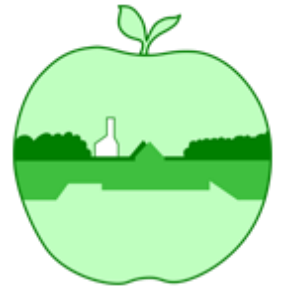


Help your Child with Reading



I spy

...play I spy games. Can you find words beginning with...? Can you find a picture of a...? How many ...can you see?

Ask questions

...ask questions about the story as you read it i.e. What is the story about? Why do you think they made that choice? Was it a good choice? Why did that happen? What do you think will happen next? What was your favourite part of the story? Why?

Make it fun

...enjoy reading together. Give characters funny voices and engage with the pictures. Make a game out of finding words that rhyme or start with the same sound.

Be seen

...make sure you are seen reading. Keep books and magazines at easy reach.

Get out

...go to your public library regularly. Find the books you loved as a child to read together.

Create

...use reading to inspire drawings or new stories.

Go online

...look online and in app stores for appropriate word and spelling games.

Make space

...have a special place or a certain time when you read together. Try to read with your child every day. 'Little and often' is best.

Maintain the flow

- Look at the pictures for clues and read other words in the sentence.
- Say each sound e.g. c-a-t, sh-o-p and then blend them together. Run your finger under each sound to encourage your child to blend them together.
- Remember to use letter sounds rather than 'alphabet names'.
- It is better to tell your child some unknown words to maintain the flow rather than trying to build them all up from the sounds of the letters.

Read everything out loud

Books, poems, nursery rhymes, newspaper & magazine articles, food labels...