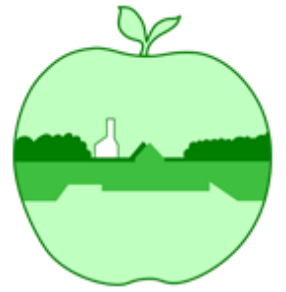


# Help your Child with



# 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?

## 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.

## Create

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

## 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?

## 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.

## Go online

...look online & in app stores for appropriate word & 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...