

Top tips for reading with your child at home

Remember that talking about reading is very important, so if your child is sometimes reluctant to read aloud, discussing a book will also help develop reading skills.

- Concentrate on enjoying and grasping the meaning rather than absolute accuracy.
- Talk about the cover and read the title before rushing your child into the text. Ask questions such as; what do you think the story will be about? What sort of book is it? Have you read a book like this before?
- Look through the book, noticing any interesting pictures and words, then read the opening together.
- Don't correct too quickly. If your child makes an error, suggest having another go, searching the pictures for a clue,

sounding out the first few letters of the word or reading on and going back to the word, rather than giving the word to them straight away.

- If your child is really struggling, take turns reading aloud or read together.
- If your child brings home a book that they have read before, discuss the story line and why they have chosen to read it again. Then enjoy the book.
- Talk to your child about different authors, plots, characters and settings.
- If your child chooses to read to themselves, ask them to re-tell the part of the book that they have read to you.