



Rockingham Early Years

## Reading with your Child

### Why read?

It helps children

- understand the world around them
- Develop social and emotional skills
- Improve at English, science, math and other subjects
- Build confidence with communication
- Strengthen their bond with you and other family members



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Reading with your child can mean sharing books, stories, rhymes or any other writing.

It's a great way to build special memories and moments with your child and can easily become part of the day.

## When should we read?

Reading for just ten minutes a day with your child makes a huge difference

- Take books with you so you always have a story to share. You can read on the train or bus, or even if you are waiting in a queue together
- When you are outside take time to notice what is going on around you. Make up stories about what you see with your child
- Bedtime is the perfect time to read together. It helps create a routine and can make going to bed something your child looks forward to. It is a special time for a parent and child to share.

## How?

Find a quiet place with no distractions.

Turn off televisions, radios, computers and tablets. Take time to look at each page.

You don't need to make sure your child gets every word right. It's ok for both of you to make mistakes. Let them talk to you about the pictures. This helps them look for meaning and to think about what they see happening on the page.

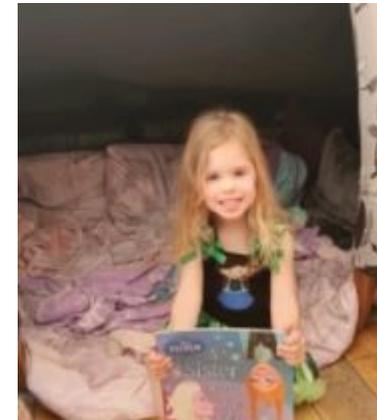
Don't forget to smile. If you feel comfortable try pulling funny faces, making animal noises and putting on character voices—these always make children giggle!



## What should we read?

Try out a range of picture books. Comics, poems and rhymes.

You can read the same book over and over again. Familiar books are comforting and build confidence.



You can choose new books. Pick something together that you can both enjoy.

Books don't have to be full of words. Picture books are perfect for sharing and talking about with your child. You can use pictures to explore stories and help your child understand books that are more difficult.