

Other ways to encourage reading skills at home

Play word games -

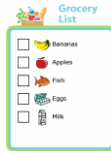
Can you find the word that says.....

Let's see how many times you can find the word....

Simple word searches

When we see/say the word.....we make a funny noise

Mini shopping lists - ask your child to look out for certain items when visits the supermarket and have their own small list
e.g. eggs, milk, bread, apples.



Fred talk games - speaking like Fred helps children to understand that words are made up of sounds. Use Fred Talk throughout the day to help children practise blending sounds together.

Fred says...

1. Say: Fred says put your hands on your h-e-d. Ask children to repeat. Pause to allow children to jump in with the whole word and do the action.

2. Say: h-e-d, hed. Ask children to repeat. Repeat with: b-a-k, t-u-m, l-e-g, h-a-n-d, f-u-t, n-ee, r-u-n, s-k-i-p, h-o-p, s-t-o-p

Fred I spy

1. Say: Fred says 'I spy something r-e-d'. Ask children to repeat. Pause to allow children to 'jump-in' with the whole word and point to something red.

2. Say: r-e-d, red. Ask children to repeat. Repeat with: b-l-oo, g-r-ee-n, b-l-a-k, b-r-ow-n



How to encourage reading;

Ideas for Home

Talk - Talking helps children develop their vocabulary through hearing language in conversations, questioning, explanations and sentences. Talk also helps build their confidence, self-esteem and communication with others.

Story time - Reading out loud to your child and enjoying the story together is a great way encourage their reading. Why not introduce some puppets to make to story come alive!



Read, Write, Inc. storybooks - Listen to your child read the storybook. Your child will have read this story several times so should be able to read the story confidently. Help them develop their storyteller voice!

Join the Library - Let your child choose some books. It's also a lovely way to enjoy new stories and keep their interest!

Encourage different reading materials - magazines, newspaper, the internet, picture books, fiction/non-fiction books.



Ten top tips for reading stories to

your child

1. Make reading to your child feel like a treat. Introduce each new book with excitement.
2. Make a special quiet time and cuddle up so both of you can see the book.
3. Show curiosity in what you are going to read:
Oh no! I think Arthur is going to get even angrier now.
4. Read the whole story the first time without stopping too much. If you think your child might not understand something, model explanation:
Oh I think what's happening here is that...
5. Chat about the story:
I wonder why he did that?
Oh no, I hope she's not going to...
I wouldn't have done that, would you?
6. Avoid asking questions to test what your child remembers.
7. Links stories to your own experiences.
8. Read favourite stories over and over again. Get your child to join in with the bits they know.
9. Read with enthusiasm. Don't be embarrassed to try out different voices. Your child will love it.
10. Read with enjoyment.
If you are not enjoying it, your child won't.



Make a game of it!

If you are reading a "themed" book about holiday, animal, activity etc. try acting it out for fun. Create costumes, crafts, drawings as this helps them to keep interested and use their imagination!



Role Play Ideas

Builders: work tools, pens, paper, clipboard, safety helmet, magazines; B&Q, Home-base, Wickes.

Offices: paper, pens, white board, diary, calendar, toy phone, envelops, stamps, glasses, computer key pad.



Shops: shopping lists, paper, pens, boxes labelled with food items, basket, dolls/teddies, till, play money.



Schools: stationery - pens, paper, story books, diary, magnetic letters, white boards, colouring pages, stickers, clock.

Writing and receiving letters - encourage your child to write to a friend/family member and ask them to write back. Imagine their face when they get a letter addressed to them!

