

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD WITH READING?

Read to your child every day

Talk about books

Provide books for your child to read

Ensure that your child sees members of the family reading

Encourage your child to select books for you to read to him or her

Keep audio books of favourite stories and songs

Help your child to recognise his or her own name

Teach your child nursery rhymes

Select books that describe familiar experiences concepts and objects

Draw attention to the illustrations when reading your books to your child

Select books that use repetition to capture the rhythm of the language e.g. The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

Tell stories on the way to the shop for a bath time or at bedtime

Always keep the selection of books around you to read

Place labels around your home e.g These are Anne's favourite books.

Let your child hold the book and turn the pages

Encourage your child to join in and read

Talk about every day print

Sometimes point of the words while you're reading

Hold the book so that the child can see the pictures and the writing

Before beginning to read settle your child down and talk a little bit about the book so that they understand the context behind the story

Establish a special reading environment in your home

