

A Parent's Guide to Reading at Home - Reception

Pre-Read

- Wordless books are vital to practise book behaviours, grow children's vocabulary and make connections with their world knowledge and their lives.
- Enjoying a book together is an important part of your child becoming a reader for life!

Tuning into sounds

- In this book, your child will see lots of people who help us. Ask them to think about what a firefighter does. Can they make actions and sounds to show a firefighter driving a fire engine and putting out a fire with a hose?

Check understanding

- Look at the cover together. Tell them that this book is about people who do jobs to help us.

Talk about it

- Ask: Can you think of any jobs people do to help us? (e.g. *police officer, firefighter, lollipop person*)
- Encourage them to talk about any experiences they have of people who help us. (e.g. *crossing the road at the crossing, visiting a fire station, seeing an ambulance*)
- Now look at the book together. Enjoy looking at the pictures and talking about them, ensuring they understand the theme of each page.
- Once finished re-read the book to develop confidence and good reading behaviours.