



A Parent's Guide to Reading at Home - Nursery

Before Reading

- Always handle the book together.
- Talk about the front cover. Ask them what can they see? And What do you think the book is about?
- Model turning the pages one by one.
- Explore the pictures and talk about them together. Help your child make connections to the picture and what they know about the world and their life.
- When reading use your 'reading voice' to make reading sound exciting.
- Encourage your child to join in with repeated refrains.
- Enjoying a book together is an important part of your child becoming a reader for life!
- Check for understanding. Ask them questions about what has happened.
- Ask them to predict what might happen next?
- When finished ask your child what they liked about the book. Give them a sentence starter e.g. "I liked it because...."
- Always re-read a book together as this builds children's confidence and vocabulary.

