



## Top Tips for Reading at Home

**Make books a part of family life** – Always have books around at home. Let them see you as a reader.

**Enjoy bedtime stories** – Read with your child at bedtime as often as you can. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with them.

**Read favourites again and again** – Encourage your child to re-read the books and poems they love. Re-reading helps to build fluency and confidence.

**Ask questions** – To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read. Start with 'Can you remember what's happened so far?', 'What do you think will happen next?', 'Why have you chosen this text?' and 'How does the story make you feel?'

**Make the most of rhyme and repetition** – Books and poems with rhymes and repeated words or phrases are great for getting your children to join in and remember the words.

**Read about something they're interested in** – Help your child find the right book for them. It doesn't matter if it's fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction. Reading is reading and it's all worthwhile.

**Read whenever you get the chance** – Have a book or magazine with you for any time your child has to wait, like at the doctor's, dentist or on the way to school.

**Join your local library** – They'll be able to get their hands on hundreds of fantastic books. Let them choose what they want to read to help them develop their own interests.