Ten Top Tips for Reading with your Nursery Child.

Reading together regularly and sharing a wide range of books are the most important things you can do to help your child do well at school.

Here are some suggestions on how you can help to make this a positive experience.



1. Read little and often.

Share books together every day. Build it into your daily routine. Ten minutes is long enough.

2. Choose a quiet time.

Turn of the TV, mobile phones etc. so that you and your child don't get distracted.

3. Make it a special time.

Cuddle up together somewhere warm and comfortable. Involve other siblings and family members.

4. Let your child choose the book.

Encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages. Re-read favourite books and stories.



5. Talk, talk , talk about the book.

Talk about the cover—what do they think the book is about.
Talk about what you see in the pictures—emphasise the key words and vocabulary.
Talk about what might happen next.
Talk about how the characters may be feeling and how the book makes your child feel.
Talk about how they think the story will end.
Talk about their favourite part of the story. Ask them to show you their favourite picture.

6. All join in.

Encourage your child to join in with the repeated words and phrases in the story or rhyming words.

7. Variety is important.

Keep books within easy reach eg. in toy boxes. Have as many books as you can so that they can chose from a selection (ask for books as presents, try charity shops and car boot sales as well as buying new)

8. Visit the library.

Become a member of Reading library and borrow books for free.

9. Give us feedback. (this will be when we start to send reading books home to prepare your child for Reception)

Write comments in your child's Nursery reading record each time you read at home. For example :
Enjoyed the story.
Talked well about the pictures.

Could retell the story in his/her own words.
Joined in with the repeated words/phrases.
His/her favourite part was....



10. Be a good role model.
Let your child see you and other family members enjoying reading books, magazines etc.

Some useful websites :
www.literacytrust.org.uk www.booktrust.org.uk www.wordsforlife.org.uk
www.readingrockets.org www.rif.org