

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME



STEP 3

Talk about the words your child can see around them. [Environmental Print]

Point to words in the environment and talk to your child about what they say. This can include street signs, shop and road signs, notices in the supermarket and signs around the house eg 'off', 'on', 'hot', 'push' ' Marks & Spencer' etc

Discover words in the kitchen

Put magnetic letters on your fridge & make words

Regularly point out words on labels, instructions and Cereal packets etc

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Family Literacy

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In the kitchen

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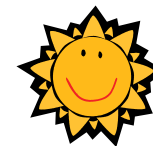
Countdown



to

Starting School

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STEP 1

Read to your child

Children not only enjoy listening to stories and sharing a book with an adult but it helps them to make the connection between the spoken and written word - a vital concept in learning to read.

By sharing books with your child, you are showing them the value of reading and hopefully this will help them to build a lifelong reading habit.

Key points

- ❖ Try to read to your child *every day*. Grandparents and older siblings can read to them too.
- ❖ Point to the words as you read them.
- ❖ Read their favourite book or borrow books from the library.
- ❖ A summer pack of books can be borrowed from the school.

'Encouraging your child to grow up loving reading is the best start you can give them. You can also have great fun in the process'. www.literacytrust.org.uk

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STEP 2

Talk with your child

Research has shown that there is a direct connection between a good speaker and an able reader. A good reader has a wide vocabulary of spoken words and is able to use them correctly.

How can you help your child?

Look for opportunities to talk *with* and listen to your child. This will help to build up the vocabulary needed to be a fluent reader. Ideas may include:

- Replace some television time with 'talk time'
- Do household tasks together eg setting the table, baking, washing the dishes. Talk about it.
- Turn off the car radio and talk about what they see during journeys.
- Let them help with the shopping.
- Play games with your child or as a family. This is a great way to learn new words.
- Encourage them to play with their friends and siblings.
- Limit computer time as too much can result in poor talking skills.