



Helping Your Child to Read!

- **Find a time that's good** for both of you - maybe before bed, after tea. Make it your **special time** with your child.
- **Make it fun** -talk about what they have read, joke about the characters, have similar things happened to you?
- **Try to be patient.** It can be frustrating, but children learn more quickly and easily if it's fun, so if it's getting stressful, leave it and come back later!
- **Let your child puzzle over words** - they are more likely to remember something next time if they've worked it out themselves.
- Most children love hearing stories, and it really helps them to learn to read themselves. So, try to **read to your child regularly.**
- Children often make a lot of errors, **but don't correct every mistake.** If you correct everything, they won't remember it all!
- Let your child have a **good look at the pictures** before they read; they are attractive, fun and provide a lot of information, especially when they are just beginning to read.
- **Don't keep interrupting!** It will confuse a child, they will forget what they have read, and so it won't make sense to them.
- **Praise them!** Learning to read can be hard work and every genuine effort deserves a big '**Well Done!**'

And finally....

- **Get help!** If you are at all concerned about your child's reading, their attitude to reading, or need further advice on how to help your child, come and see us; we are genuinely happy to help!

