

READ



WORDS GROW MINDS

Reading aloud builds nurturing relationships, stimulates brain growth and encourages language skills.

Children who have someone read to them every day when they are very young learn to speak, read and write more easily.

Sharing stories can be lots of fun and introduces children to new words and sounds. It's never too early (or too late) to start!

SNUGGLE UP.

Hold your baby or position yourself close, so your baby can see your face and the book.

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD.

You don't have to read the words. Describe the pictures, ask questions, wonder and imagine together.

READ IT AGAIN.

Read your child's favourites often.

READ REGULARLY.

Aim for 15 minutes a day. Try 5 minutes in the morning, in the afternoon and at bedtime. It all counts!

USE YOUR HOME LANGUAGE.

Always use the language you are most comfortable with. The more you read, the more the child's language will grow.

HAVE FUN.

Use different voices and facial expressions, change the tone as you read – be playful!

VISIT THE LIBRARY.

Join - it's free! Spend time choosing books, reading together or join a free Storytime session!

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