

Top Tip

Read to your child every day



Research shows that if parents regularly read to their children they are much more likely to succeed in school and life.

Reading and discussing stories, poetry and non-fiction books to your child at a level beyond that which they can read for themselves, will have a huge impact on their future educational attainment.

- Reading to your child develops a love of reading so they will choose to read when they are older.
- By discussing the meaning of new words you broaden your child's vocabulary. Research shows the more words a child knows the greater their educational achievement.
- When you discuss the actions and feelings of characters it helps your child think about and understand the feelings of others.
- Reading to your child develops their comprehension skills and ability to talk about ideas and put forward opinions.
- When listening to a story they cannot read for themselves they hear a model of language at its best, grammar is used correctly and word choices are adventurous. They can then use this model in their own writing.

