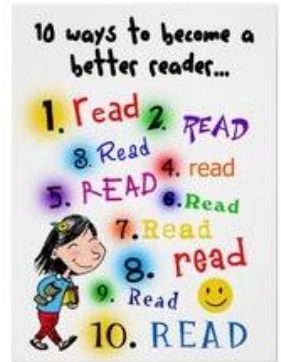


Tips to Encourage Reading

Make books a part of family life – Always have books around at home. That way you and your children are ready to read, even if it's only for ten minutes.



- **Join your local library** – Get your child a library card. They'll be able to borrow fantastic books, as well as games and DVD's. Let them choose what they want to read to help them develop their own interests.
- **Read about something they're interested in** – Help your child find the right book for them. It doesn't matter if it's fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction.
- **All reading is good** – Don't forget to include non-fiction, comics, magazines or leaflets. Reading is reading and it's all good.
- **Get comfortable** – Snuggle up together somewhere warm and cosy, whether it's in bed, on a beanbag or on the sofa. Make sure your child has somewhere comfy to read on their own too.
- **Ask questions** – To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read. Start with 'Where did we get to last time?', 'Can you remember what's happened so far?' and 'What do you think will happen next?'
- **Read whenever you get the chance** – Have a book or magazine with you for any time your child has to wait, like at the doctor's, hospital or dentist.
- **Read favourites again and again** – Encourage your child to re-read the books and poems they love. Re-reading helps to build fluency and confidence.
- **Enjoy bedtime stories** – Read with your children at bedtime as often as you can. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with them.
- **Make the most of rhyme and repetition** – Books and poems with rhymes and repeated words or phrases are great for getting your kids to join in and remember the words.

Remember, reading develops imagination, vocabulary, attention and memory, all while you're having fun with your child.

Everybody wins 😊