



# Top Tips To Get Kids Reading

## Model reading yourself.

One of the most impactful and easiest things we can do is to show children that we read. Find time as a family to sit down together so everybody can read; creating a quiet atmosphere will make reading much easier and appealing.



## Read Aloud To Your Children.

Children are never too old to listen to you reading to them; that could either be a family book you read or could be you sharing the reading of their book with them – it also a great excuse for a cuddle!

## Active Listening.

As children get older, they often feel that they no longer need to read aloud but it is still a very important skill, especially to help with understanding. Sitting together whilst your child reads to you means that you can ask questions - our 'Reading Questions' sheet gives you a selection you can adapt and ask.



## Make reading time tempting.

Create a comfy reading area with cushions and blankets, or have hot chocolate whilst you read - I love nothing more than curling up under a blanket with my teddy and a book! The more enticing and comfortable you make things, the more everyone will want to read.



## Have a set reading time.

I know this may not be possible every day, but having a routine for reading helps. For us, it was immediately after dinner. Why not try reading before bed? At the weekend, perhaps you could have family reading time first thing in the morning.

## Book Chat.

Find a few minutes in the day to chat about the books you are all reading. What are you reading? Why are you enjoying it? What is happening in the book? Our 'Reading Questions' sheet will help with this.

## Choose Books Together.

Trips to the library or book shop so you can browse books and choose the next read together encourages discussion and interest about the book before they've even begun reading.

## Read a variety of books.

Reading doesn't just have to be fiction. Pick up a book about a favourite hobby; before you venture on holiday, read a book together about the country/city you'll be visiting; dip into some poetry (which is great for reading aloud); plan a baking session and read the recipe together; dip into comics (I loved the Beano as a kid!)

## Have books around the house.

Not just on the bookshelves, but on the coffee table, in the kitchen, on the bedside table ... the more accessible books are, the more enticing they are to pick up.

