

# Get reading with your child!

By this point, your child will probably have had some experience of early reading and will be building up a range of reading skills. Now it's all about gaining more confidence so take a look at these top tips to help you get a good balance of reading for enjoyment and skills practice.

## **Tip 1: It's still good to share**

Don't give up on talking about picture books and sharing that bedtime story or information book. It's just as important now to enjoy reading these books with your child, as well as those they bring home from school.

## **Tip 2: Read with expression**

Read with expression when reading to your child. Use different voices and vary the volume for effect or for different bits of information such as, *Did you know that the Tyrannosaurus Rex...? Wow!* You'll soon see that your child will then try these skills when reading to you!

## **Tip 3: Talk about books, words and pictures**

Talk about books when you've finished reading together and ask questions. *What was your favourite bit? Why do think he/she did that? What gadget would you choose?* Ask your child about things like exclamation marks. Get them to ask you questions too!

## **Tip 4: Retell stories or events**

It's still important to ask your child questions about the school day or a special event and to talk about a book or TV programme you have shared. Help them by asking *What happened first? What next? How did it end? What did you enjoy most?* It's good for talk and good for memory skills.



