



Reading at Home Parent / Carer Guidance 1

Why is it important for your child to read at home?

• Sharing stories, talking, and singing every day helps your child's development in many ways.

Reading and sharing stories can:

• Help your child get to know sounds, words, and language, and develop early skills.

• Learn to value books and stories.

• Spark your child's imagination and stimulate curiosity.

• Help develop your child's brain, ability to focus, concentration, social skills, and communication skills.

• Help your child learn about the world, their own culture, and other cultures.

Reading at home with your child

Expectation: Ideally 20 minutes at least three times a week. Try to build this into your daily routine. Have a quiet, comfortable space your child (and you) can read in. Read with your child and read in front of your child. Remember, both reading and hearing texts read aloud are important.

What books will your child bring home? 1) An individual reading book. Reading this at home will help your child become secure with the sounds/ vocabulary they are currently learning in school. Encourage your child to read this book independently although they may need some support with the sounds/vocabulary they are learning. Ask questions about the book and talk lots about the story. Don't just read it once - read the book multiple times to develop fluency and deeper understanding. 2) A Library Book. This can be fiction or non-fiction and is a book you can share with your child. 3. A whole class text. This is the book children are using in class. You may be asked to support your child to read particular pages or chapters. Again, talk about the story and ask questions.

