Top Tips for Enjoying Reading With Your Child

Enjoy it

- Snuggle up with a book that you both enjoy.
- Give encouragement and praise when your child has a go.
- Remember reading should be fun.
- Show your child how you enjoy reading.

Make time and space

- Find time for you to be together.
- Ten relaxed minutes are more enjoyable than twenty rushed ones.
- Try to find a quiet place without distractions, turn the TV off!
- If they are tired or reluctant read to them instead, don't force them!

Be positive

- Praise, encouragement and support go a long way.

Find out what they like to read

- Join the local library to widen the range of books that they can choose from.
- Let your child make their own reading choices sometimes. They need to develop reasons why they like or dislike books. It's ok not to like some books!
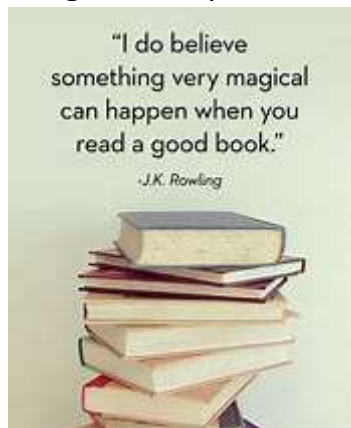- Recognise opportunities for reading all of the time –posters, maps, fliers, recipes, instructions.

Talk

- Talking about books helps your child become more interested and involved with reading.
- Asking questions will help your child to understand the text.
- Ask the children for predictions and opinions about the text.

Questions You Can Ask

FICTION (STORIES)

- Looking at the front cover, where do you think the story is going to take place?
- Who do you think the characters might be?
- What did the character look like?
- Explain something that happened at a specific point in the story.
- Who would you like to meet most in the story, why?
- Predict what you think is going to happen next and why do you think this?
- Can you find a word in the story that you don't know what it means?
- How could the story be changed or improved?

"I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book."
-J.K. Rowling

NON FICTION (INFORMATION BOOKS)

- What are the sub-headings for?
- Why have some of the words been written in italics?
- Which part of the book could help you find the information that you need?
- What is the purpose of the pictures?
- What kind of a text is this? How do you know?
- Why do we need a glossary in a text?
- Are the diagrams and illustrations useful? Why?
- How does the layout help the reader?

Nonfiction

REAL books that tell, inform, teach, and explain.