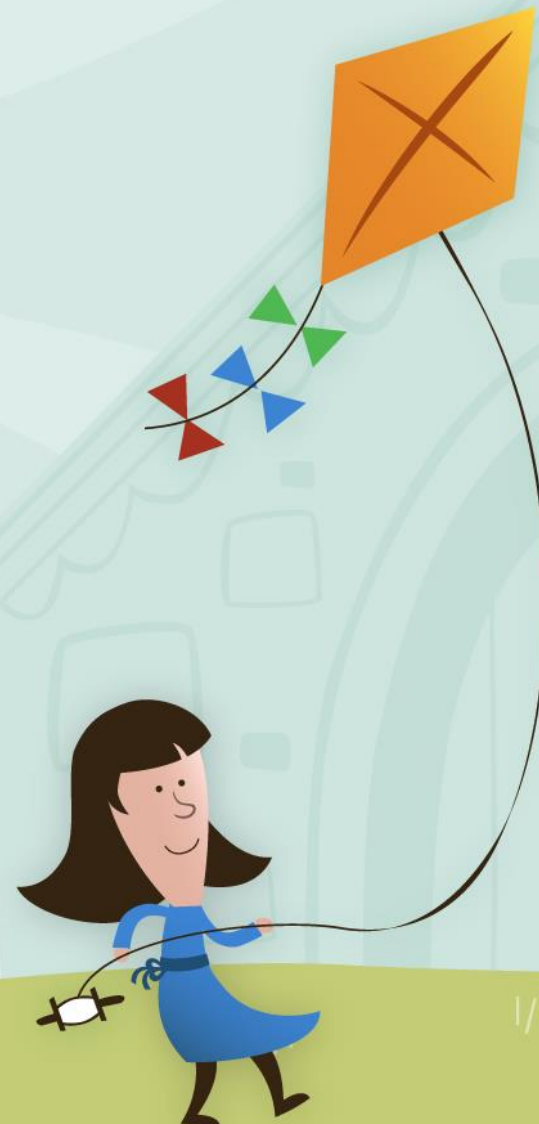


Reading with your children



Story time



Studies have shown that regular story time is important for developing enjoyment of books.

It is a lovely time for you to spend with your child.

You can model reading with expression, modelling how to read and using punctuation.



Story time



A bedtime story gives lots of opportunities for developing listening and speaking skills. You can read a favourite story to your child lots of times to develop a good understanding of the events. Then you can ask your child to retell the story in their own words.

You can also miss words out or change them when you are reading! Children love correcting you and telling you what you got wrong!



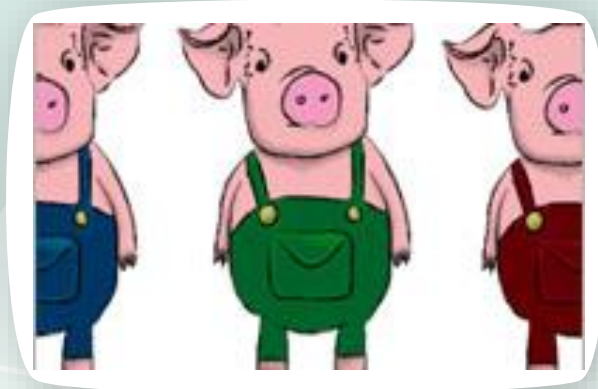


Story time before bed is also a great way of building in a good routine for sleep!



If you tell a traditional story, either in English or your home language, look for one that has repeated phrases, this helps children to remember the story.





Characters

You can develop children's understanding of characters by talking about ones they like, who are the baddies, how they feel and the things they do.

a faraway
ed a girl
. Cinderella
nd beautiful.



Setting

The setting is the place the story takes place in- a dark forest, a home, a castle to name a few! How do they make you feel? How can you describe it?

scary

beautiful

Vocabulary

- Books are a great way to develop your child's vocabulary.
- Talk about words they don't know- you can find definitions in a dictionary or online.
- Make links between new words and synonyms.
- Look out for words you have come across before to develop their understanding.

surprising

giant



Questions

- By asking questions, you can extend your child's understanding of the story!
- What is happening...?
- How does the character feel...?
- Prediction- what do you think is going to happen?
- Why did the character do that?



Phonics

- Help your child to apply their phonics knowledge when they are reading.
- We teach the children to read by segmenting the phonemes and then blending them together to make the word.
- It is an ideal time to look for those tricky and high frequency words.

