



Ideas to Support Your Child at Home with Learning to Read



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Ideas for activities at home

More importantly than anything else, make reading fun, your child should always think of reading as a pleasure never a chore. Reading can open a magical and inspirational world for your child.

- Look at/read your child's reading book with them for 5-10 - building to 20 - minutes every day or at least 3x per week.
- Don't be afraid to read the whole book to your child until they are ready to have a go themselves.
- Until your child can read whole words (this may take longer than you think), model how to segment the sounds in words then blend to read.
- Use the 'take home level cards' to play games at home, here you will find the phonemes your child has covered so far, as well as suggested words for practising reading and writing.
- Play letter search on post-it notes around the house.
- Play letter search in the reading/library book.
- Write individual phonemes on post-its to spell 3 sound words, get your child to move the phonemes into the correct order to make the word, you could model this until they can manage it independently.
- Play 'I Spy' using reading/library book...

e.g. I spy with my little eye something red

...something you can play with

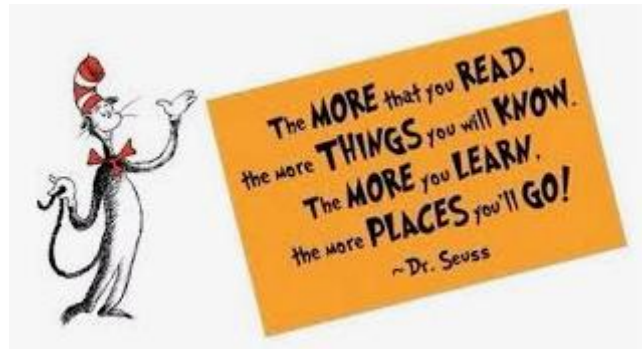
...something to eat

...a word beginning with...

...something that rhymes with...



- On a car journey or walk, ask your child what sounds can they hear in; pin, box, frog, clip, shop etc.



- Make up nonsense Sounds Swap, who can make the longest chain by changing one sound each time?
E.g. log – leg – lig – lick – kick etc
- Practise letter formation, make them out of play dough, pieces of string or pipe cleaners etc.
- Make up silly sentences using words on take home cards, write these in a dictation.
- Collect things from around the house that begin with a chosen sound.
- Look at a page in a book; find every /t/ etc, find all the words which say /the/etc, find all the capital letters etc, encourage your child to scan the page from left to right by putting your finger underneath the text and modelling this.
- Choose tricky words or letters from the text; play snap, play pairs, play bingo, treasure hunt.
- To encourage memory; say 2 things you can see in the picture, child to repeat the same order, increase the number of things to be remembered.
- Put 2 letter cards down, let child look at them for 10 seconds, mix them up, ask child to put back into the order they saw them, increase number of letters to be remembered.
- Practise writing letters with water and a paintbrush on the patio, in the sand, in a tray of glitter as well as writing them using different media and fun-coloured pens or paint.
- Take your child to the local library so they can choose new books.

Useful Websites

Some are free and some require a subscription.

<http://www.ictgames.com/phonicsPop/index.html>

<https://gb.education.com/games/phonological-awareness/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/3-5-years/letters-and-sounds>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeIndex.htm>

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-2-games.html>

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-2>

<http://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/home-early-years>

Useful Apps

Some Apps are free, some are free up to a point and some are prepay.



itunes.apple.com
Jolly Phonics Letter



itunes.apple.com
Teach Your Monster to Read on
the App Store



amazon.co.uk
BBC CBeebies Storytime:



Reading Eggs



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