

Just 10 minutes a day makes a massive difference!

Reading a book with a toddler is fun and gives you a chance to be close and have a hug and a giggle.

Reading together not only helps with literacy skills later on but benefits children's social and emotional progress, too. It builds confidence and helps children find the words they need to tell you what they are thinking.

By 2 years of age, your child will understand most of what you say and will use maybe 50 words or more. Children develop at different rates though, so if your child is not yet speaking have a chat with your Health Visitor. If your child hears more than one language it may take them longer to start to speak.

We have given you a book to read with your child--we hope you both enjoy it and share it with other family members and friends.

Find a quiet space and turn off the television or radio.

Read the story and talk about any unusual words. Point out things in the pictures as you say the words.

Read the story without words. Ask your child to find things in the pictures. This helps them to slow down and really see what is on the pages.

Your child may find sitting still hard; if so, keep storytime short. You will notice your child's attention span increase as time goes by.

Join your local library or ask our Nursery Manager about our home library scheme. We have lots of books for you to share at home.