

1. An Introduction to reading
with your child

Reading habits with your child

- How often do you read with your child?
- Who chooses the books?
- What type of books do you read?
- Where do you get books from?



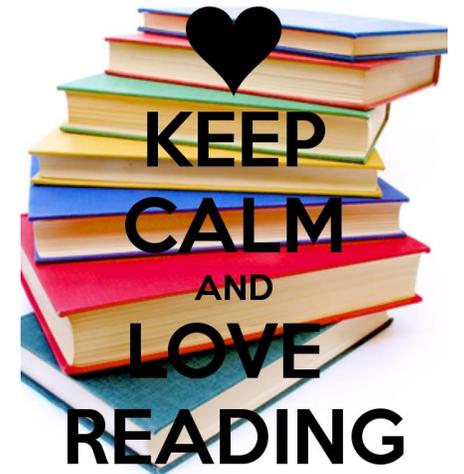
Research has show that children with strong reading skills achieve more academically across all subjects.

- Reading:
- Improves concentration
- Helps to develop critical and analytical skills
- Develops stronger memory skills
- Supports the learning of new vocabulary and sentence structures
- It is never too early to start reading with your child.



Encouraging your child to read

- At this age, the best thing we can do to help children learn to read is to develop a love of reading.
- This Power point will give you some general tips.
- There will be follow-up Power points made available to support you in developing specific reading skills.



Independent book worms

- Let your child choose the books he/she wants to read. If the words in the book are too complicated, read the pictures together.
- Access a wide range of reading materials such as books, magazines, logos and online materials. It is important for children to understand that we are surrounded by reading opportunities.
- If you haven't already done so, join the library or Idea Store. You can borrow a wide range of quality books for free.
- When reading a book, let your child turn the pages. He/she might need some help but practice makes perfect.



Be a reading role model

- Read in front of your child and talk about what you are reading (you can twist the truth a little if the content is not appropriate for young children).
- Encourage your child to ask you questions about what you are reading and then ask him/her about the books he/she is reading.
- Talk about a love of reading in front of your child. Make reading something special in your house.



Have a go!

- Have a go at some of the reading tips mentioned in this Power point.
- The next Power point will look at talking about books with your child.

