



## Guide to reading at home with your child.

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Reading for pleasure is the single most important indicator of a child's future success.

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#### Reading is better together.

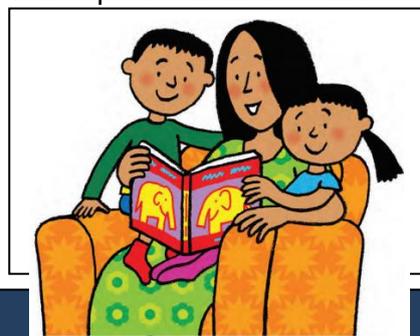
The home is where it all starts. Sharing a good book is the greatest pleasure and a shared experience will always be worthwhile. Read on for some tips from the Book Trust for how best to encourage your child to read at home.

#### Why read?

Sharing books and stories with your child is fun! It is a great way to build special memories and moments with your child

It also helps children:

- Understand the world around them.
- Develop social and emotional skills.
- Improve at school in English, science, maths and other subjects.



### TIME AND SPACE



Reading for just ten minutes a day can make a huge difference for your child. Find somewhere calm and relaxing with no distractions or mobile technology and enjoy cuddling up with a book. They'll love the quality time with you.

### WHAT SHOULD WE READ?

Of course we would love for you to read your child's school reading book with them. Encourage them to use their phonics to sound out the words and attempt new and difficult ones.

Most importantly however it is important to enjoy reading. You can read ANYTHING! Encourage them to choose something that takes their interest. It can be a fact book, a recipe or any children's books that grab their attention. At the Nar Valley Federation we also send your child home with a second book which they have chosen. If they struggle with the words you can also read to them. They are still benefitting from hearing the words and see the words.



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#### TALK



Always talk about what you are reading. Ask questions when you are reading together.

For example:

- What do you see on this page?
- How do you think the characters feel?
- What do you think is going to happen next?

When you have finished, talk about how your child feels about the book:

- What did they like? • What didn't they like? • Who was their favourite character? Why?

#### HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD WITH PHONICS?



Phonics is the knowledge of letters and the sounds they make.

The children are taught the skills of blending sounds together to read words and segmenting the sounds in a word and choosing the correct letters needed to spell it.

Phonic Pronunciation

We understand that many adults can find mastering the phonics pronunciations tricky as it is a different way of learning than how many of us experienced at school.

<https://www.focusonphonics.co.uk/acatalog/Sounds.html> is a great website to give you the correct pronunciation of sounds as it is really important that they pronounced accurately.