

5 Top Tips for Reading Together with your Nursery Child

1. Share books little and often. A great time to do this is as a bedtime story, every evening. Find somewhere comfortable and put away any distractions such as mobile phones.
2. Let your child choose the book. Encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages. Re-read favourite books and stories.



3. Talk about each part of the book. Some useful ideas are:
 - Look at the cover - what do you think the book is about?
 - Talk about what you see in the pictures.
 - Get them to say what might happen next.
 - Talk about how they think the story will end.
 - Discuss how the characters may be feeling and how the book makes your child feel.

Share your favourite part of the story. Ask your child to show you their favourite picture and tell you why they like it.



4. Encourage your child to join in with the story through repeated words and phrases in the story or rhyming words. Young children love to learn their favourite stories off by heart and repeat them back to you - this is great for developing their writing skills when they get older, so do not be afraid to read their favourite books over and over again!
5. Most of all, remember reading is fun and you can share a story just by looking at the pictures and talking about what is happening.

Happy World Book Day!