Dear Parent

Please share this book with your child. There are several different ways you could do this:

- your child could read the book to you;
- you could read the book to your child;
- you could talk about the book together.

Here are some ideas of what you might ask your child:

Before reading:

- What do you think the story is about?

After reading the first few pages:

- Who is the story about? Who are the characters in the story?
- What has happened so far?
- Look at the picture: what is happening in this picture?
- Use question words such as: How, why, when.....

After the read

- Select a picture from the beginning: What is happening?
- Select a picture from the middle: What is happening?
- Select a picture from the end: What happened at the end of the story?

Your child should hold the book and be in control, turning the pages themselves.

When they are stuck encourage them to:

- Sound out
- Look for chunks of sounds e.g sh ch ea and little words e.g c**all**
- Read on and then read back making a sensible guess

Try not to interrupt the reading too much. Let them try and fix it themselves.

Remember that sharing a book should be an enjoyable and positive experience for both you and your child. If you can't read English, talk about the pictures with your child, or ask your child to tell you a little about the story and then ask questions on what they tell you, in your home language.