



TWHF ENRich *Sharing Stories Together*

A TWHF Guide for Families

We are so excited to share a special reading book for you to enjoy together at home.

Reading with your child is one of the most powerful — and joyful — things you can do to support their learning and development.

Why Reading Together Matters

Sharing stories helps children to:

- build language and vocabulary
- develop listening and attention skills
- understand feelings and the world around them
- grow in confidence and imagination
- feel close, calm and connected to you

Reading together also strengthens your relationship — those quiet, shared moments really matter.

“Sharing a book is a time for closeness, laughter and talking together.” - (booktrust.org.uk)

“Shared reading supports children’s language, social and emotional development and lays the foundation for future learning.” - (aap.org)

There’s No Right or Wrong Way

The most important thing to know:

There is no perfect way to read a book — just enjoy it together (booktrust.org.uk)

Your child might:

- flick through pages
- talk more than listen
- choose the same book again and again

This is all part of learning — and it’s exactly what we want to see.

Simple Ways to Enjoy Stories Together

Sit Close and Get Comfy -Snuggle up and make story time feel special and relaxed.

Let Your Child Choose -Children enjoy books more when they choose them themselves. booktrust.org.uk

Talk About the Pictures -You don't have to read every word — talking about pictures is just as valuable. booktrust.org.uk

Ask Simple Questions

- What can you see?
- What might happen next?
- How is the character feeling?

Talking together builds understanding and language.
(naeyc.org)

Read It Again (and Again!) - Repetition helps children learn and feel confident — it's a good thing! (nces.ed.gov)

Bring the Story to Life -Use funny voices, actions, or toys — make it playful and fun. (booktrust.org.uk)

Little Moments Make a Big Difference

Storytime doesn't have to be long.

- A few minutes a day is enough
- Read at bedtime, during the day, or on the go
- Little and often makes a real difference

"Just a few minutes sharing a book can make a huge difference." (booktrust.org.uk)

What Your Child Is Learning

Even if it looks like simple fun, your child is developing:

- new words and language
- early reading skills
- imagination and creativity
- focus and memory
- understanding of stories and meaning

Children who are read to regularly hear **many more words**, building strong foundations for learning and success.

A Special Time Together

Reading is not just about learning — it's about connection.

- sitting together
- sharing attention
- enjoying a story
- feeling safe and loved

These moments help children feel secure and ready to learn.

A Final Thought

"The more you read together, the more your child will discover the joy of stories — and the confidence to become a lifelong reader."

We're Here to Support

*If you would like ideas, book recommendations or support with reading at home, please speak to us — **we are always happy to help.***