

READ2ME



HOW TO NURTURE A LOVE OF STORIES

1. Read early and often

it's never too early to share books with children. Children are born ready to learn and research shows that children whose parents read to them when they are young, learn to speak, read and write more easily.

2. Be a good role model

Children love copying the important adults in their lives. By modelling reading practices, whether it be traditional books, newspapers or magazines, you are showing them that reading is an interesting and worthwhile activity.

3. Let them choose

Follow your child's lead and encourage them to select their own books, even if it means reading the same story every time! Children take comfort in knowing what will happen next and repeated exposure to the same book helps to develop comprehension and understanding of how books work.

4. Make books accessible

Take books with you everywhere you go. Some books now come with handles so they can be attached to prams, car seats or shopping trolleys. Keep books on low shelves or toy baskets so they can be reached by little hands.

5. Have fun and be silly!

Whilst reading, make up funny voices and emphasise sounds. Your enthusiasm and playfulness will help create a rewarding experience for you and your child and nurture a lifelong love of books and stories.

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