



# Reading with your child



## Step 1: before you read

- Look at the book together.
- Talk about why the book was chosen.
- Locate the author – has the child read/heard any of their books before?
- Think about what it might be about using the front cover.
- Predict what might happen.
- If it is not a new book, discuss what has happened so far.

## Step 2: reading the book

- Your child may want to point as they read – that is ok.
- Your child may use the pictures to help them – that is ok too.
- Try not to jump in too quickly when your child makes a mistake. Let them read to end of the sentence to see if the mistake is spotted and self-corrected.

- Ask them if what they just read made sense.
- Take it in turns to read.
- Use different voices for different characters.

### Step 3: understanding the books

Through discussion and questions about what is happening, you can help your child with their understanding.

- What does .... mean?
- Which word told you that?
- Why does the author use...?
- What word would you use to describe this character? Why?
- Where do you think the story is set? Why do you think this?
- How did the character feel when...?
- Can you think of another story similar to this one?
- If we made a new title for this book, what could it be?

Most importantly, enjoy sharing a book and reading it together!

