



Reading at Home

Parents and the home environment are essential to the early teaching of reading and fostering a love of reading; children are more likely to continue to be readers in homes where books and reading are valued.

Reading for pleasure is strongly influenced by relationships between teachers and children, children and families.

Reading for pleasure is all about enjoying the books that are read, rather than reading to finish the book.

Children need to be able to take ownership of the book. As parents you can help do this by allowing your child to hold the book, discussing the book together, and talk about what is happening in the story.

Ask questions:

Does this story remind you of any others?

What part did you like / dislike?

What do you think will happen when.....?

Allow your child to think about their answers and support their responses. Any answer can be correct as this is their interpretation of the text. Encourage your child to use the illustrations to support their discussions. Don't be afraid to revisit a book.

Most importantly, make reading fun!!