



# Tips for Reading for Pleasure

## Early Years

### Snuggle up and read with your child every day

Relax, find a comfy place, get cosy and share a picture book together. Find a time that works for you and share a book together. It might be a library book, a book from school or nursery or something that your child is really interested in. Enjoy spending time **reading together**.

### Talk about the story

**Before**

What do you think this story is going to be about?

What's happening here?  
How does the character feel?  
What might happen?

**During**

**After**

What was your favourite part of the story? Has anything like that happened to you?

Talk about the pictures

Talk about new words

Act out the story together using the characters voices

Share stories, songs and rhymes together. Singing songs and nursery rhymes helps your child to hear the sounds in words and build up a bank of favourites they know well. Play with words and sounds and make up nonsense rhymes too. Encourage them to join in.

