



Early Reading

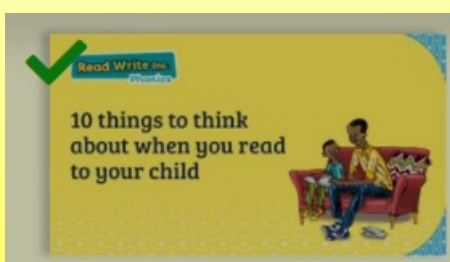
Dear Parents/Carers,

In nursery, we have been very busy reading stories, singing songs and rhymes and listening out for sounds in our environment. These are all really important foundations for early reading. I have recorded a video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GW66xvgZqw> explaining what phonics and early reading looks like in our nursery setting, there are also some tips for games that you can play at home. The presentation and video are all saved on our nursery page on our website.

We can not stress how important it is that children are read to as much as possible, please watch this video <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/3HVie6Ca/Slf2idpF> (link valid until 10/10/21) with some tips when reading to your child.


Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mrs Kavanagh-Byrne
EYFS leader



Ten top tips for reading stories to your child

- 1 Make reading to your child feel like a treat.
Introduce each new book with excitement.
- 2 Make it a special quiet time and cuddle up so both of you can see the book.
- 3 Show curiosity in what you're going to read:
Oh no! I think Arthur is going to get even angrier now.
- 4 Read the whole story the first time through without stopping too much. If you think your child might not understand something, model an explanation:
Oh I think what's happening here is that...
- 5 Chat about the story:
I wonder why he did that?
Oh no, I hope she's not going to...
I wouldn't have done that, would you?
- 6 Avoid asking questions to test what your child remembers.
- 7 Link stories to your own experiences (e.g. *This reminds me of...*)
- 8 Read favourite stories over and over again.
Get your child to join in with the bits they know.
- 9 Read with enthusiasm. Don't be embarrassed to try out different voices. Your child will love it.
- 10 Read with enjoyment.
If you're not enjoying it, your child won't.



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