

## HOW DO I SHARE BOOKS WITH MY CHILD?

Helping your child to read and showing them the fun to be found in reading a book is a great way to spend quality time together and promote your child's development. Sharing books together will encourage your child to want to read.



### *HERE ARE SOME HELPFUL HINTS!*

- Pick a quiet, comfortable spot to read together.
- Encourage your child to choose a story to read.
- Look at the cover and talk about it. What can you see? What do you think the story might be about? What do you think might happen?
- Help your child to work out which way to hold the book and carefully turn the pages together.
- Talk about the pictures.
- Let your child see you pointing to each word as you read the story.
- Talk about what you think will happen next. How do you think the character feels?
- Encourage your child to join in with any catchy rhymes or repetitive phrases in the story. Don't be afraid to use funny voices!
- Share a range of books – stories, poems, information books.



**If your child enjoys a story, read it over and over again.  
Let the book become a friend. Enjoy this special time  
together and give your child lots of praise!**