

Foundation stage

Advice for parents:

- Be guided by activities that your child's teacher is providing.
- Reading experiences should be informal and enjoyable, with children learning in an environment where print is all around them
- Enjoy reading with your child - read and share stories

When reading encourage your child to:

- ask questions;
- join in with rhymes/repetitive text
- use of illustrations to support understanding of text
- use prompts/cues within the story to encourage prediction/thinking skills
- talk about personal experiences related to the text
- look for recognisable letters/words

When talking and listening encourage your child to:

- listen to others and respond,
- demonstrating some social conventions e.g. eye contact and turn-taking
- use specific language
- responding to a steady beat;
- identifying words in phrases and sentences;
- identifying syllables;
- identifying and generating rhymes;

When writing encourage your child to:

- engage in pre writing exercises to be able to handle writing materials e.g. finger exercises, threading beads, drawing and painting pictures and using scissors
- use a comfortable and efficient pencil grip with some control
- talk about what they want to write
- encourage independent/pre/emergent writing
- sound out words using their developing phonological awareness
- scribe for your child