

"The more you read, the  
more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
the more places you'll go."

Dr Seuss



**Encouraging  
your son to  
read: a guide for  
parents/carers**

## Top Tips for reading at home together



1. Let your son see you reading books, newspapers, magazines, labels, instructions.
2. Leave books that will appeal to him around the house.
3. Subscribe to a magazine that might appeal to him.
4. Encourage family, and friends, who your son respects and loves, to buy books as presents alongside other items that interest him. For example, a football with a soccer story)
5. Let him choose his own reading material from the library or bookshop. Easier books can be comforting. Some books may be too hard but have interesting pictures or photographs.
6. Let him explore various topics that may not fit stereotypically male interests without being teased.



7. When he reads information, for example the sports pages of a newspaper, motorbike facts, instructions for a PlayStation game, be sure these are valued as much as 'reading books'.
8. When he browses through facts or trivia, for example 'The Guinness Book of Records' value this activity.
9. If he had a particular sporting hero, try to find a biography about that person.
10. Read aloud information that interests him, but may be beyond his reading level, for him to be inspired to find out more.
11. Make a cosy story time part of his bedtime routine, choosing an exciting story with chapters to aid his recall and prediction skills.
12. Make a scrap book together all about him called 'My book about Everything'.
13. When in the car, make phrases from letters on car number plates. (BTG- bring two goats..)
14. Use the computer to search for websites that interest him.
15. Choose a book together to donate to the school library when he leaves primary school. Personalise it with a nameplate.