

# Did you know...



Reading helps children's memory skills

Books help children learn story telling skills

Babies who play with books enjoy reading more when they're older

Children who read more are better at reading and writing at school

Rhyme and repetition helps children learn how to play and enjoy language

Books can help children learn about feelings & emotions

Sharing books with your child gives you special time together

Children who look at books instead of watching TV know more words.

Children who are read books have better concentration and listening skills by 2-3 years.

Sharing a book can comfort children and help them go to sleep

Listening to stories gives children ideas for their play



## Tips for... **Sharing Books**



Read slowly and clearly. Don't be afraid to use funny voices and sound effects - children love it!

Use puppets and props to bring stories to life!

Make sure children aren't distracted from listening to stories - turn the TV and radio off!

Name the pictures your child is looking at. Children's first words are often learnt from sharing books.

Young children get bored quickly.  
Look at books little but often.

Let your child choose books from the library - it's free and adds variety!

Don't worry about reading the words - just talk about the pictures as your child turns the pages

Children are never too young to start loving books!

Don't worry if children want the same book again .  
Repetition helps them understand and remember.

