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# READING: LEARNING AT HOME

## READING WITH YOUR CHILD IS IMPORTANT!

Reading with your child every day encourages a love of books and reading. Encourage your child to look at books regularly, and get family and friends to read with your child as much as possible. Try reading with your child for the enjoyment of spending time together – it's a great way to end the day.

**It's really important to give your child lots of praise as they learn to read.**

### Get in the mood for reading

Children who enjoy reading at home are more likely to succeed as they learn to read at school. Try setting up a special reading time and place where you and your child can relax and be comfortable.

**There are lots of things to read including nursery rhymes; story books; non-fiction books; books on dinosaurs and pets; books you make together; funny stories and poems; joke books; websites and CD books; comic books; newspapers, catalogues and magazines; recipe books; street maps; and dictionaries.**

**Fantastic reading books to get started:**

- Hairy Maclary and friends* by Lynley Dodd
- Koala Lou* by Mem Fox
- Mr Gumpy's outing* by John Burningham
- We're going on a bear hunt* by Michael Rosen
- Annie's chair* by Deborah Niland

### Use your local library

Libraries are a treasure trove for young readers with a wide range of books, CDs, DVDs, magazines and comics. Visiting your local library is a great way to:

- share with your child how important books are
- involve the whole family in regular reading activities
- look for your child's favourite authors and illustrators
- use resources that might not be available at home, such as computers
- join in holiday activities.



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