



# Reading a Story with Your Child

Our Best Picture Book is a book award for Year 2 children in Leicester! Pupils share, read and talk about six picture books in school and at home with their family. Please find below some tips to help you enjoy the books and share the love of reading with your child.



## 1 Encourage your child to read

Ask your child to read every day – reading can help your child in lots of ways.



## 3 Encourage reading choice

Let your child read lots of different things in their own time...fiction and non-fiction books, poetry, comics, activity books, recipes and much more.

## 2 Read aloud regularly

Make reading aloud feel like a treat. You can snuggle up together to enjoy a book, act it out, look at the pictures or add funny voices to bring the characters to life.

## 5 Create comfortable space

Make a calm, comfortable place for your family to relax and read, independently or together.

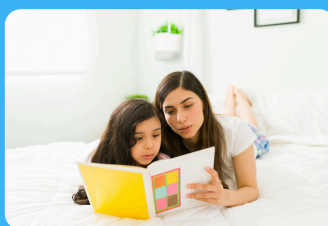


## 4 Read together

Choose a favourite time to read together as a family and enjoy it – maybe you'll read the same book together or read different things at the same time!

## 7 Talk about books

Start by talking about the front cover – what do you think the book is about? Talk about what you've been reading and share ideas – maybe about something that happened that surprised you, or something new that you found out. How does this book make you feel? Does this book remind you of anything?



## 6 Use your local library

Visit your library and explore all sorts of books and reading ideas for free!

## 8 Bring reading to life

Would you recommend the book to a friend? You could play a game where you pretend to be the characters in the book!

## 9 Engage your child in reading in a way that suits them

Think about the best times for your child to read and be read to. If they have SEND needs, short, creative activities may help interest them. If English is an additional language, encourage reading in your child's first language, as well as in English.

## 10 Make it fun!

We all learn more when we are enjoying ourselves! 😊

