

Working with your children

Tips for Parents/Guardians

Infants to 1st	2 nd & 3 rd	4 th to 6 th
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read to your child as often as you can. 2. Talk about books/characters/ plots. 3. Provide a good role model by reading yourself / other family members. 4. Keep audio tapes of familiar stories to play in the car. 5. Vary the type of books read – stories / poems / information. 6. Accept your child's efforts with praise 7. Concentrate on what he / she got right 8. Make reading together enjoyable. 9. Take part in 'Shared Reading' together. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to read to your child every day. 2. Read some of the books your child enjoys so you can discuss it with him/her 3. Encourage your child to read to younger brothers/sisters 4. Ensure that your child knows that you value and enjoy reading yourself. 5. Use a variety of reading material in your home –newspapers, magazines, information, cookery books etc. 6. Discuss favourite authors. 7. Encourage your child to read articles / headlines in newspapers. 8. Encourage your child to guess unknown words. 9. Praise your child's efforts. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recognise and praise your child's efforts in reading. 2. Ensure your child has access to a wide range of reading material – newspapers, magazines, guides etc. 3. Take an interest in different children's authors. 4. Discuss ideas and points of view proposed by newspaper articles etc. 5. Provide a well-lit study / reading area. 6. Ensure that you value and enjoy reading yourself. 7. Allow your child to choose his / her own reading material. 8. Encourage your child to read for information – timetables / weather forecasts / menus. 9. Encourage your child to try and guess unknown words.