

## Literacy Tips for Parents/Carers

- Reading should always be fun and relaxed! Visit libraries and bookshops together and allow your child to make a choice.
- Look for words in everyday life, not just books. E.g. Read shop signs and menus together.
- Encourage all reading in all the forms: Comics, magazines and the Internet.
- Buy books as presents - Make use of TV/ film tie - ins.
- Join the library and attend some of the free events.
- Write a topic book together on your child's favourite thing.
- Write captions for family photographs and make an album.
- Use magnetic letters/ words on the fridge to practice spelling.
- Give your child the job of writing events onto the family calendar.
- Ask your child to tick things off from a list you have written - packing for a holiday.
- Have your child research and download apps for the family technology.
- Collect and keep items to make a book about a special holiday or outing.
- Help your child to write their own party invitations and greetings cards.
- Talk about news and encourage your child to form an opinion based on the facts.
- Give your child a notebook to communicate with you and write them a reply.
- Put a bookcase in your child's room and gradually let them fill with reading material of your choice.

- Before telling a child the word when reading, try these prompts:
  - Look for clues for the word's meaning within the sentence.
  - Look at the word closely. Does it look like another word you know?
  - Can the word be segmented into sounds?
- If your child is an emergent reader make a scrapbook of pictures and talk about them.
- Write a list of ten words your child needs to know how to spell and read and stick them up in different places in the house.
- Try to have reading material of all types and all levels in the house.
- When your child is watching a TV programme or film put the subtitles on.
- Read and follow a recipe together.
- On a car journey have your child read car number plates and look for names of towns.
- Talk about family history and write a book or family tree together.
- Write shopping lists together using words and /or pictures.
- Plan and write weekly dinner menus together.