

Shared reading: Ideas and Inspiration!

This is by no means a must-do list, but ideas to help support you sharing a book with your child. Many, if not all of the ideas, will have to be adapted or missed out according to the interest or level of understanding that your child is working at. The session should be enjoyable and fun for you both!

1. Introduction – Look at the cover /point to/ read the title together–

Prediction – e.g. What do you think it's about? Talk about the pictures on the front cover.

Link to own experience - e.g. What do you already know about this?

2. Look at the pictures throughout the book

Prediction – What do you think is going to happen? Why?

Children could draw a picture at this point/draw characters they think might be in the story/might just want to sign/say what they think might happen

Link to own experience – Has this happened to you?

3. Read a section aloud together, following underneath the words with your finger then pause

Review - What do you think now? Have you changed your ideas?

May be useful to look back at predictions

Prediction – What do you think will happen next. Why?

4. Continue reading , pause when necessary (repeat Step 3 if appropriate)

5. Reflect after reading the book

Role play together, pretend to be different characters, use different voices - roleplay story using objects/ figures.

Use the home / school diary for your child to draw and/or mark make about their favourite part of the story/favourite character etc.

Happy reading!!