

For further support reading at home

- Check out four fun games to play with your children on the <https://collins.co.uk/pages/little-wandle-at-home>
- Story books online <https://storylineonline.net>
- Free story books <https://www.freechildrenstories.com/>
- Tips and advice <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>



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A Parent's Guide to Reading at Home



The **more** that
you read, the
more things
you will know.
The **more** that
you learn, the
more places
you'll go.

Dr. Seuss

Reading for Pleasure

Before Reading

- Always let your child handle the book.
 - Talk about the front cover. Ask them what can they see? And What do you think the book is about?
 - Read the title and the author on the front cover of the book and the blurb on the back of the book.
 - Before reading explore the pictures and talk about them together. Help your child make connections to the picture and what they know about the world and their life.
 - Read aloud together and use your 'reading voice' to make reading sound exciting.
- Encourage your child to read alone repeated refrains.
- Enjoying a book together is an important part of your child becoming a reader for life!
 - Check for understanding. Ask them questions about what has happened.
 - Ask them to predict what might happen next?
 - When finished ask your child what they liked about the book. Give them a sentence starter e.g. "I liked it because..."
 - Always re-read a book together as this builds children's confidence and vocabulary.

One of the greatest gifts adults can give

is to read to children