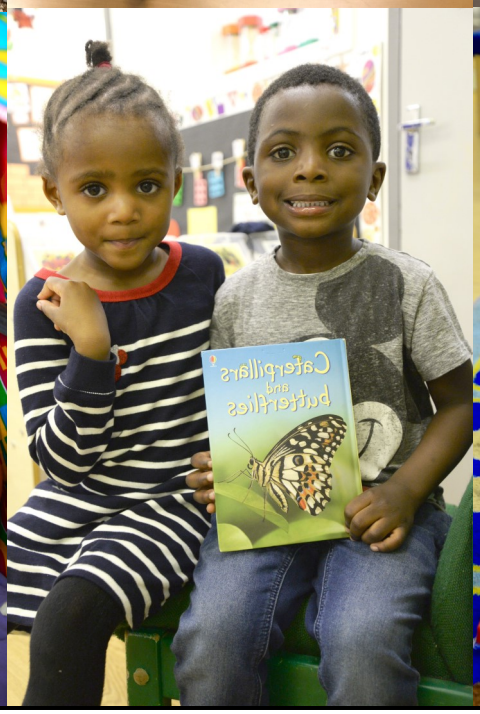
Reading at Home

A booklet to help you read with your child at home.



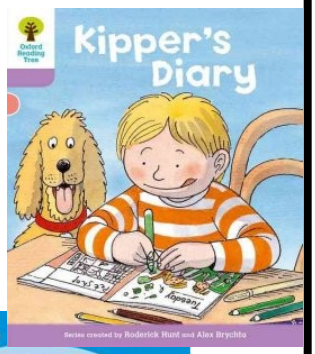
Reading with your child

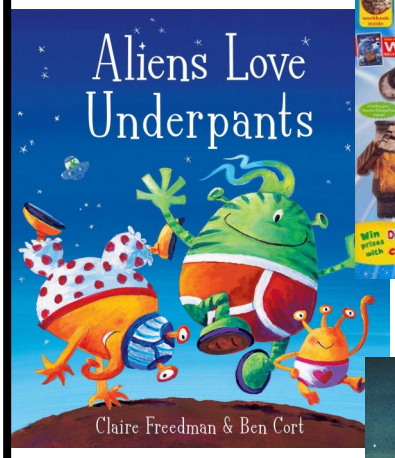
We want children to have a love for reading from a very young age. Reading is one of the most important skills that will enable a child to learn and become a lifelong learner. It provides an important means of obtaining information about the world around them, but most of all, a source of pleasure.

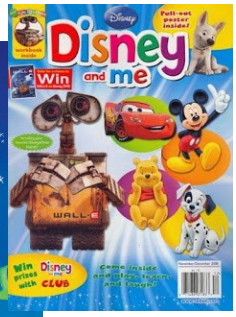
Reading with your child can happen in a number of different ways.

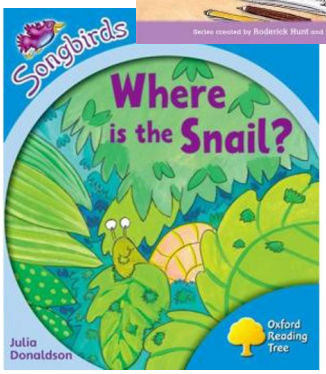
It can look like:-

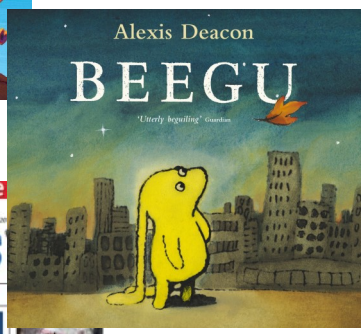
- Reading books together
- Reading signs and other information when you are out and about
- Telling stories to each other
- Talking about the stories and asking questions
- Talking about pictures and asking questions in magazines or comics
- Listening to stories online
- Playing and sharing different story apps
- Creating your own stories

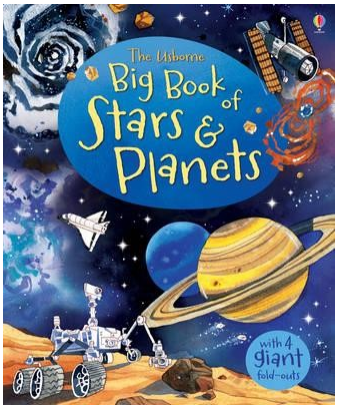












How to read with your child

Here are some top tips on how to get the most out of reading with your child at home.

1. Reading can happen anywhere.

Children can read their home-school readers, library books or books from home anywhere. They could read on the bus or the way to school or sitting on the bed before they go to sleep or maybe even somewhere more creative.

2. Make reading enjoyable.

Reading should be fun-try to encourage your child to read for 10 minutes each day. Helping children with words they find tricky or using funny voices as well as talking about the book will make it more enjoyable.

3. Reading to your child.

Be a role model to your child. Show them that reading is important by reading a book or newspaper with them or share it together. If your child sees you reading, they will want to read too!

4. Ask questions.

Ask children questions when you are reading together. Please see our handy questions box below for some examples.

Examples:

What do you see on this page?

How do you think the character might feel?

What do you think is going to happen next?

What was your favourite part of the story? Why?

If you could change the ending, what would happen?

Local Libraries

Your local libraries are a great place to visit with your child. They provide a great space to read books, borrow books and also join in with different story sessions. The best bit is all of this is FREE!

Here are some local libraries in Haringey that you could visit.

Marcus Garvey Library

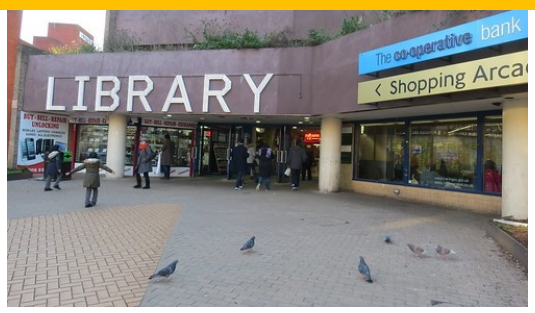
(Tottenham Green Leisure Centre—N17)

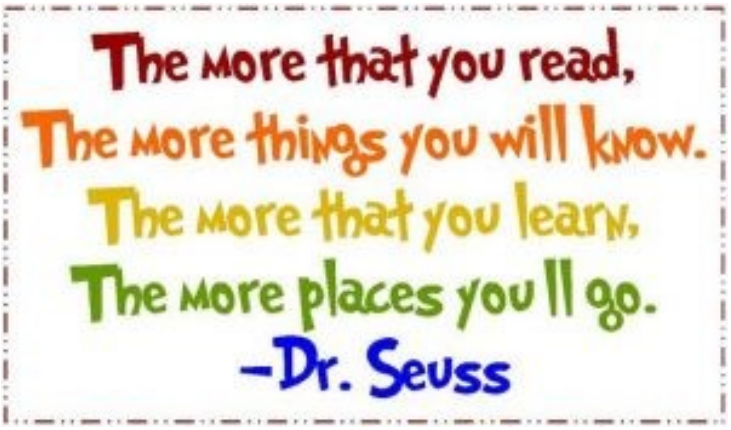
St Ann's Library

(Cissbury Road—N15)

Wood Green Library

(High Road—N22)





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Stories online/apps

Oxford Owl

This website has lots of free eBooks for children aged 3—11. It also has plenty of top tips on how to help your child with reading at home.

https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/

Book Trust

This website has lots of lovely interactive books to read online or watch with signing.

https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games

Here are two useful story apps that you can download for free. One of them allows children to create their own stories and the other reads the stories to them.