

Storytime, anytime!

PRESCHOOL

TALK!
Halton!

Sharing books with your child is a great opportunity to bond, to laugh and to talk. You will also be helping your child to develop a life long love of books. There is no right or wrong way to enjoy a story together, just lots of fun to be had!

TOP TIPS

- ★ You can read anything! Try sharing picture books, comics, poems, rhymes and information books.
- ★ Let your child choose which story to share, if they are interested it will help to keep their attention.
- ★ Let your child hold the book themselves and turn the pages.
- ★ Talk about the pictures in books, how the characters are feeling and what you think will happen next.
- ★ Take your time. Pause and help your child understand what new words mean - you can point to the picture, give them a word that means the same thing or give an example of the word from their own experiences.
- ★ When your child is familiar with a story they may enjoy acting it out with actions or simple props.



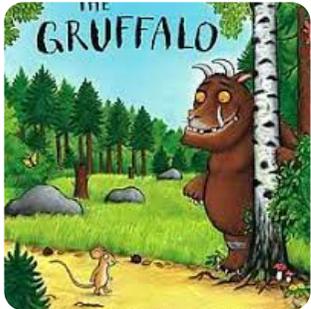
Finding just ten minutes a day to share a story with your child makes such a difference to their language development.

Sharing stories together will boost your child's vocabulary as books contain words that they may not hear in their normal daily lives.

Start their life long love of reading today

BOOK SUGGESTIONS

There are so many wonderful books for your preschool child to enjoy. Here are some of our favourite authors.....



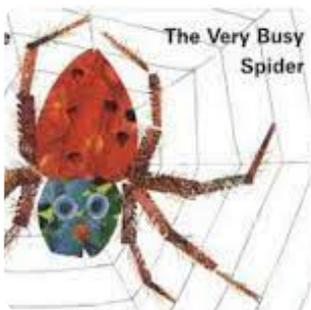
Julia Donaldson

Children love the following popular titles; 'The Gruffalo', 'Room on the Broom', 'Stickman', and 'What the Ladybird Heard'



Sue Hendra

Children love the following popular titles; 'Supertato', 'Barry the Fish with the Fingers', 'No-Bot the Robot', and 'Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell'



Eric Carle

Children love the following popular titles; 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'Mister Seahorse', 'The Very Busy Spider', and 'The Mixed-Up Chameleon'

For other book recommendations take a look at



There are a wide range of books available at your local library. Visiting libraries regularly can help promote a love of reading and a love of sharing books from a young age.



To join the local library or to find/reserve a book

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TOP TIPS FOR SHARING STORIES

S	Shhhh!	Find a quiet space away from distractions where you can share stories together.
T	Talk	Take your time and talk about the story as you go.
O	Often	Share books together often. 5 minutes a day is better than half an hour once a week!
R	Retell	Retell your child's favourite stories as this will really support their language development.
I	Interests	Sharing books that follow your child's interests will really help to engage them.
E	Experiences	Relate stories to your child's experiences whenever you can.
S	Sounds	Bring stories to life by using silly voices and sound effects.