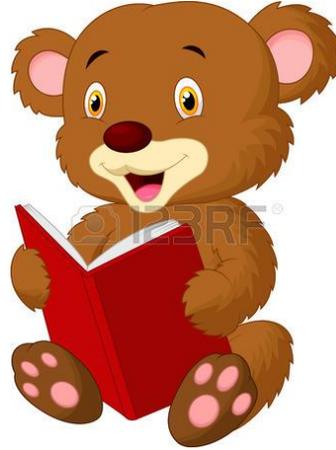


## Sharing books at home

Encourage your child to handle the books with care, holding it up the correct way and turning the pages correctly from the corners.

Encourage your child to join in any repeated phrases in the story. For example, run, run as fast as you can!

Share some of the text features with your child. These could include the terms, front cover, title, back cover and blurb.



Encourage your child, with your assistance, to follow the text with their finger. This will help to demonstrate that the text is read from left to right and top to bottom.

Encourage your child to think of ways the story might end just before you share the ending.

Encourage your child to recall the characters and events from the story once you have read it together.

## When looking at books.....

Model to your child how to use 'sound talk' to read simple words. For example, c-a-t = cat or sh-o-p = shop.

Don't forget:

When out and about point out familiar signs and logos to your child, for example, Morrisons and McDonalds. See how many they can read for themselves?

Introduce your child to new vocabulary. When reading and you read a word that would be fun to share, talk about the meaning. For example, groan - a long, deep sound that show's you're not happy with something.

Encourage your child to look at the illustrations on the front cover. Before reading, what do they think the story might be about?