

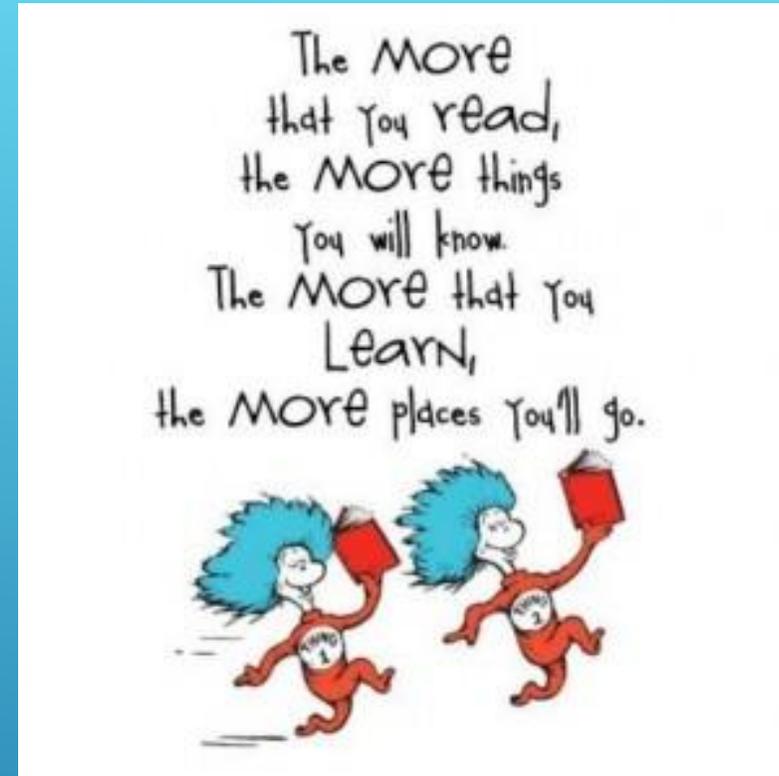
READING AT HOME

Welcome

Please come in and take a seat

AIMS OF THIS SESSION

- ▶ To talk about the importance of reading at home with your child
- ▶ To share ideas on how you can support reading



WHY DO I NEED TO READ AT HOME?

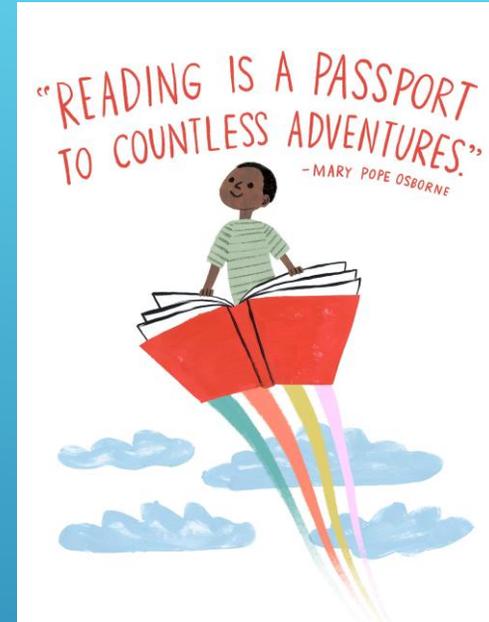
- ▶ Develops confidence
- ▶ Builds a love for books from a young age
- ▶ Children develop speaking skills through books
- ▶ Helps with fine motor control of turning pages and holding a book

Spending just 10 minutes reading together every day:

- Helps your child develop social and emotional skills
- Strengthens their bond with you
- Helps them grow into a confident, happy learner.

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD AT HOME?

- ▶ Share a book every day with your child
- ▶ Look at the pictures
- ▶ Talk about what they can see
- ▶ If able to then look at some of the words and repeat
- ▶ Explain the tricky vocabulary
- ▶ Use books to explain some tricky concepts and make comparisons (new baby, moving home) to children



TIPS AND TRICKS...

- ▶ **Set aside some time**

Find somewhere quiet without any distractions - turn off the TV/radio/computer.

- ▶ **Ask your child to choose a book**

Sharing books they have chosen shows you care what they think and that their opinion matters. This means they are more likely to engage with the book.

- ▶ **Sit close together**

Encourage your child to hold the book themselves and/or turn the pages.

- ▶ **Point to the pictures**

If there are illustrations, relate them to something your child knows. Ask them to describe the characters or situation or what will happen next. Encourage them to tell you the story by looking at the pictures.

- ▶ **Encourage your child to talk about the book**

Talking about the characters and their dilemmas helps children understand relationships and is an excellent way for you to get to know each other or discuss difficult issues. Give your child plenty of time to respond. Ask them what will happen next, how a character might be feeling or how the book makes them feel.

- ▶ **And lastly, above all - make it fun!**

It doesn't matter how you read with a child, as long as you both enjoy the time together. Don't be afraid to use funny voices - children love this!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

If you would like an support with reading at home please speak to myself, or your child's teacher.

