

Reading together



A Parent's guide

Introduction

Sharing a book with your child is fun! It's a time for bonding, talking and laughing together while giving your child a flying start in life and helping them to become lifelong readers.



Oi frog!



“Oi Frog!” is a hilarious, rhyming story about a frog who thinks the rule that all frogs sit on logs is unfair because logs are uncomfortable. Read along to discover the knockout ending!

Get comfortable and share a story

Sharing a book is a perfect bonding experience. Let your child choose the book. Turn off devices, find a warm, cosy place to snuggle up together. Use plenty of expression and change your tone of voice for different situations and characters.



Talk about the pictures.

Take time to look at every page of the book, encouraging your child to look at and talk about the characters, pictures and everything that's happening. Point to items on the page together and ask your child to look for certain things, such as the frog.



Ask questions.



Asking questions improves your child's comprehension, vocabulary and understanding of the world. Ask them to predict, analyse, give opinions and suggest solutions. Ask open-ended questions such as "What do you think will happen next?".

Repetition

Children love repetition. Re-read favourite books such as 'Oi Frog' to build up their fluency and confidence. Emphasise repeated words and phrases and encourage them to say the words with you. When you find a repetitive phrase, pause and let them finish.



Imitation

Children copy you so set an example by reading books yourself. Model good language and things such as how to hold a book, follow words and turn pages.



Bilingualism and multilingualism



Read stories such as 'Oi Frog' in a language you feel most comfortable speaking. This helps you communicate easily and makes reading fun! Your child will learn that words are made up of different sounds and syllables, and link these to the pictures on the page.

Props

Use puppets such as a frog or other props such as a log for your child to sit on whilst you read the story. Props help bring a story to life, help keep your child engaged and helps to further their imagination.



Rhythm and rhyme

Books which include rhythm and rhyme such as 'Oi Frog' are great for encouraging your child to join in and remember the words.

Rhythm and rhyme make them easy and fun to read aloud, allowing children to learn words quickly.



Additional Support



If you have any concerns about your child's Speech and Language contact your GP or the West Sussex Health Visitor team

<https://www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk/services/servicedetails.htm?directoryID=22897>

Accessibility

This guide is available in different formats such as braille and audio should you require it.

