



## ***READING AT ST. ANNE'S, ANCOATS***



Reading with your child is vital. Research shows that it's the single most important activity you can do to help your child's education. It's best to read little and often, so try to put aside some time for it every day.

Think of ways to make reading fun – you want your child to learn how pleasurable books can be. If you're both enjoying talking about the content of a particular page, linger over it as long as you like.

Books aren't just about reading the words on the page, they can also present new ideas and topics for you and your child to discuss.

Tips for helping your child to enjoy books:

- Encourage your child to pretend to 'read' a book before he or she can read words by describing the pictures.
- Visit your local library as often as possible.
- Schedule a regular time for reading – perhaps when your child gets home from school or just before bed.
- Buy or borrow from the library dual-language books if English isn't your family's first language – you can talk about books and stories, and develop a love for them in any language.
- Look for books on topics that you know your child is interested in – maybe dinosaurs, dragons, adventure stories or a certain sport.
- Make sure that children's books are easily accessible in different rooms around the house.