

- 1) Make reading to your child feel like a treat.  
Introduce each new book with excitement
- 2) Make it a special quiet time and cuddle up so both of you can see the book.
- 3) Show curiosity in what you're going to read.

*Oh no! I think Arthur is going to get angrier now!*

- 4) Read the whole story the first time through without stopping too much. If you think your child might not understand something, model an explanation '**thinking out loud**' (TOL)

*Oh I think what's happening here is that...*

- 5) Chat about the story first using TOL...

*I wonder why he did that?*

*Oh no, I hope she's not going to...*

*I wouldn't have done that would you?*

- 6) Once, through using TOL, you think your child is ready, talk to them about the book, asking them questions about the characters, story etc.
- 7) Re-read stories as this helps to develop comprehension skills, the use of a storyteller's voice and allows children to enjoy the familiarity and success experienced, when reading the same text.
- 8) Link stories to your own experience (e.g. *this reminds me of...*)
- 9) Read with enthusiasm. Don't be embarrassed to try out different voices!  
Your child will love it!
- 10) Read with enjoyment.  
If you're not enjoying it, your child won't.

