

## READING AT HOME

You can make a difference by reading books at home with your child. You can make a BIG difference by reading a book every day. Relax and enjoy your time together as you read.

As you read the book, stop and chat. You can talk about the words or the pictures. If your child likes a picture, then that is a good place to stop and talk. You might comment that you like the picture too – or that you think it is funny. If the story is making them laugh talk about why it is funny. Stop and chat a few times while reading the book.

Reading the same book again and again is really helpful. If you find a book they really like, that's awesome! Read it lots of times. When we read a book many times it helps children learn more about how books work.

### Tips for reading at home



Reading books with your child shows them how important books are.



If you need ideas for books to read, ask your child's teacher about books they enjoy at school.



If you're not sure about reading the book, you can often find a video on YouTube of someone else reading the book. You can watch the video together with your child – or you can watch it at another time to practice. If you watch the video together, don't forget to pause it and chat about the book.



Some children really enjoy books with music. You might find a book based on your child's favourite song or try singing the book if possible!



Remember, you can borrow books from your child's school or from your local library

### Time to Communicate!

If your child uses an AAC system, like Proloquo2Go or PODD, this is a good time to use it. You can use it to talk about a character in the book – use the describe section or the opinions section and find some words to use.

The more that you use AAC the more they learn about using it.

## HAVE FUN READING!



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### **Tar Heel Reader**

<https://tarheelreader.org/> Welcome to the Tar Heel Reader, a collection of free, easy-to-read, and accessible books on a wide range of topics. Each book can be speech enabled and accessed using touch screens.

**Children's books read by famous people** <https://www.storylineonline.net/>

**Beenleigh Special School** – a variety of books that staff are reading combined with the use of AAC.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi41anPF5B-QdlddloxFy6Q>

**Global Space Education Foundation** - Story Time in Space. It's exactly what it sounds like — astronauts on various missions in space read popular children's books while floating about, and the videos are edited and shared with kids way down on Earth.

[https://www.scarymommy.com/astronauts-story-time-in-space-kids-](https://www.scarymommy.com/astronauts-story-time-in-space-kids-books/?fbclid=IwAR0iYCacY1XDvVql3wuLhEWSRpw1fSwlOSQSyliUMWWWbRRexFDfr-bFVPY)

[books/?fbclid=IwAR0iYCacY1XDvVql3wuLhEWSRpw1fSwlOSQSyliUMWWWbRRexFDfr-bFVPY](https://www.scarymommy.com/astronauts-story-time-in-space-kids-books/?fbclid=IwAR0iYCacY1XDvVql3wuLhEWSRpw1fSwlOSQSyliUMWWWbRRexFDfr-bFVPY)

### **Authors Doing Read Alouds**

Operation story time – Your favourite authors host story time online.

<https://coolprogeny.com/2020/03/operation-storytime/>

**Scholastic** – content for all year levels. The scholastic books website has a resource section for parents who have children at home over this period, which can be found as [www.scholastic.com/learnat home](http://www.scholastic.com/learnat home) The site has prepared 20 days of stories, videos and activities that can be searched by student level.

<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>

**Jack Hartmann** – content for all year levels. This video series can be used to teach letter names, sounds, sight words, counting skills and a range of other subjects. The videos are high energy, engaging and designed to encourage physical movement as well as learning.

<http://www.youtube.com.au/user/JackHartmann/videos>

**Reading A-Z** – content for all year levels. Students have access to a variety of books with read aloud options as well as activities to accompany. There is a 14 day free trial.

<https://www.readinga-z.com/>

**Twinkl** – content for all year levels. Twinkl are offering a one-month free membership for parents to access their resources from home.

[www.twinkl.com.au/offer](http://www.twinkl.com.au/offer) and enter the code CVDTWINKLHELPS

**ABC's – Behind the news BTN** – upper primary level activities. BTN offers short, weekly 20 minute video highlighting news and current affairs from the past week, with language and stories aimed at primary aged students.

<http://www.abc.net.au/btn/classroom/>

**ICT Games** – lower primary level content. A collection of free, interactive English and Numeracy games.

[www.ictgames.com](http://www.ictgames.com)

**Australian Special Education Principals Association** - Free global resources for schools and families to support the ongoing learning of students with complex needs and SEN. Please visit

[Http://www.asepa.edu.au](http://www.asepa.edu.au) to access this evolving and growing resource.

<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>