

Starting school soon?

Some things to try for ...

Reading

Play and talk together

Play with your child or just watch them playing

Or involve them in what you are doing at home

Chat about what you are doing together

Say what you see your child doing, pause & wait for a response, then copy and add to what they say

Point out interesting things when you are out and about and see what they want to chat about

Enjoy sharing reading

Find a quiet time & place every day to read with your child

Any text that interests your child is fine. So is reading it over and over!

Chat with your child about what you are reading, and point out words and pictures

Retell stories using props and toys

Point out print ...

Look out for print around the house and outdoors, including shop signs, labels, notices ...

Point them out to your child and tell them about them - see what they have to say too

Let your child see you reading or using texts - including online

Talk out loud about what you are doing when you use signs, labels, recipes, instructions, etc ...

Don't worry about ...

Teaching your child "their letters" or phonics - school will do this!

Teaching your child a lot of words they don't use often

Doing a lot - a short time reading, playing or chatting is fine

Asking for advice and help