



**READ ON  
NOTTINGHAM**



Nottingham  
City Council

*Connecting  
Stories*



**Reading with your child for 10  
minutes a day will make them  
happy and help them learn**

Share a story every  
day to encourage a  
love of reading

Talk to your child about  
what is happening in  
the story or pictures

Repeat and re-read  
the same story over  
and over again

Visit your local library  
and let your child  
choose their book

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Read On Nottingham supports local families to improve their children's literacy and encourage them to read anywhere and everywhere. Here are a few ideas to get you started

## Sharing a book

- Find a quiet time and sit with your child
- Bring the book to life: make faces, use voices and actions
- Use the pictures in the book to re-tell the story in English or another language



Try this: Play and learn at the same time with lift-the-flap books. Encourage your child to lift the flap and build anticipation on what will happen. Play peek-a-boo as you read!



## At home

- Talk about the day ahead: *"first we'll get dressed, then we'll have breakfast"*
- Chat while doing your daily chores: *"let's hang out the washing ... blue trousers, 1, 2 socks"*
- Play simple fun games to help your child learn



Try this: Pass toys or objects back and forth, talk about taking turns, and describe the object






# Out and about



- Chat to your child anywhere and everywhere: on the bus and walking to the shops
- Talk about where you're going and what you're going to do
- Point out things on the way – a tree, a red car, three birds, a busy bus stop – children learn words the more they hear them

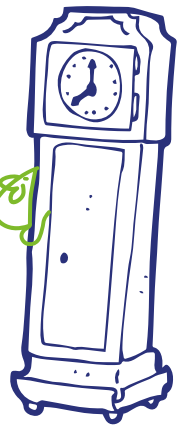


Try this: Listen to the sounds you hear, talk about them and encourage your child to make them e.g. dogs barking and traffic noises



# Songs and rhymes

- Babies and children love songs and rhymes because they like to hear your voice
- Children love the repetitive language and actions of rhymes
- Singing is a great way to bond with your child and helps them learn language – encourage everyone in the family to join in!

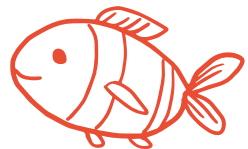
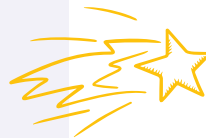


Try singing these:

Hickory Dickory Dock

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

1,2,3,4,5 Once I caught a fish alive



Sing this nursery rhyme with your child and have fun wiggling around like a worm. Then you may like to colour in the pictures together.

## Wiggly Woo nursery rhyme



There's a worm at the bottom of the garden

And his name is Wiggly Woo

There's a worm at the bottom of the garden

And all that he can do

Is wiggle all night

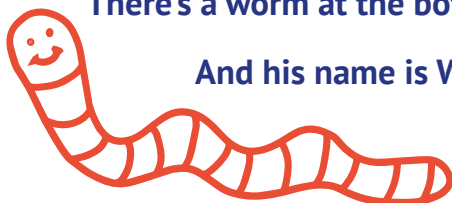
And wiggle all day



Whatever else the people do say

There's a worm at the bottom of the garden

And his name is Wiggly Woo.



Find more tips, ideas and activities to improve your children's literacy skills:

[wordsforlife.org.uk](http://wordsforlife.org.uk)

Develop chat, play and reading, find nursery rhymes, plus multi-lingual tips in 18 languages!

[smallstepsbigchanges.org.uk](http://smallstepsbigchanges.org.uk)

Activities to help children grow up happy, healthy and confident

[pathway.thebalancedsystem.org](http://pathway.thebalancedsystem.org)

Click on 'Parents and carers'

[nottinghamcitylibraries.co.uk](http://nottinghamcitylibraries.co.uk)

Books, tots time, story sessions and more!