



Working with your children Top Tips for Parents/Guardians

Infants to 1 st	2 nd to 4 th	5 th to 6 th
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read to your child as often as you can 2. Talk about books / characters / plots 3. Enrol your child in the local library 4. Provide a good role model by reading yourself / other family members 5. Keep audio tapes of familiar stories to play in the car 6. Vary the type of books read – stories / poems / information 7. Accept your child’s efforts with praise 8. Concentrate on what he /she got right 9. Make reading together enjoyable 10. Take part in school based initiatives like ‘Shared Reading’ 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to read to your child every day. 2. Read some of the books your child enjoys so you can discuss it with him/her. 3. Encourage your child to read to younger brothers/ sisters. 4. Ensure that your child knows that you value and enjoy reading yourself. 5. Make sure there is a wide variety of reading material in your home – newspapers, magazines, information, cookery books etc. 6. Enrol and encourage your child to visit the local library once a week... 7. Discuss favourite authors. 8. Encourage your child to read articles / headlines in newspapers. 9. Encourage your child to guess unknown words. 10. Praise your child’s efforts 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage your child to visit the local library as often as possible. 2. Recognise and praise your child’s efforts in reading. 3. Ensure your child has access to a wide range of reading material – newspapers, magazines, guides etc. 4. Take an interest in different children’s authors. 5. Discuss ideas and points of view proposed by newspaper articles etc. 6. Provide a well-lit study / reading area. 7. Ensure that you value and enjoy reading yourself. 8. Allow your child to choose his /her own reading material. 9. Encourage your child to read for information – timetables / weather forecasts / menus 10. Encourage your child to try and guess unknown words.