



IDEAS | WHEN TO READ WITH YOUR CHILDREN

When?

- Read in the mornings - straight after breakfast.
- In the car just before they go into school.
- Straight in and home from school.
- While you're cooking!
- Straight after tea time.
- After bath time or in the bath!
- Just before or at bedtime.
- Once eaten or had some sort of snack - not when hungry!

Where?

- Find a cosy environment: on the sofa or on a bed with a blanket.
- Create the right environment: when it's quieter and with no distractions.
- Somewhere special in Mummy's and Daddy's bed for example or create a little tent with lights.

What?

- Jill Murphy's stories on YouTube are now on TV and you can follow along with her books.
- Reading apps or ebooks incorporating a story or character they love.
- Read something that they are interested in.
- The Danger Gang and Dogman (8 and 9 year olds).
- Comic strips, magazines or comic books. Beano.
- Get a magazine subscription - Lego magazine.
- David Walliams, Tom Gates, Diary of a Wimpy Kid are good!
- Andy Stanton's Mr Gum books are good too!

How?

- Read only 2-4 pages if tired.
- Share the reading taking it in turns.
- Use a marble jar to incentivise them.
- Put on a timer for 15 minutes.
- Get the older reluctant reader to read to a younger sibling.
- Make it a special time. Focus not so much on the reading but the 'special' time you're having together
- Focus on finding books that they actually like.
- Bribery! A point for every page they read.
- Make it a non-negotiable activity and create a routine.
- Create a reading challenge!
- Give them a choice of what book they are going to read.
- Take the pressure off.
- Closed environments with little distractions.
- Do finger reading - listen to an audio book and they follow along with the book with their finger.
- Try an exercise ball or wobble board for them to sit on.
- Dyslexic children: logi tech pen or cooler ruler!
- Create a routine and stick to it.