



## How can you help your child?

- Try to listen to your child read regularly. 15-20 minutes four times a week is much better than longer sessions once a week.
- Find a quiet place to share books where you can be comfortable.
- Talk about the book. The next page has a list of suggested questions and ideas to encourage your child to talk about the book.
- Ask questions, which encourage your child to give their own opinions for example, do you agree with this/the author's opinion? How do you feel about this topic? Why? What do you think about/is your opinion of...? Can you support your view with evidence from the text?
- Encourage your child to read a range of texts such as newspapers, comics, poetry, non-fiction, etc.
- Share a book with your child. This may involve you reading to them or reading and talking together about the book.
- Play word games.
- Encourage children to read a series of books from a favourite author or books on topics of interests especially to keep reluctant readers interested and reading.