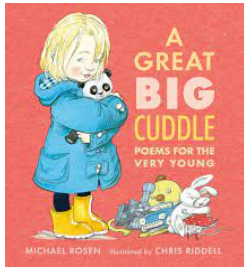
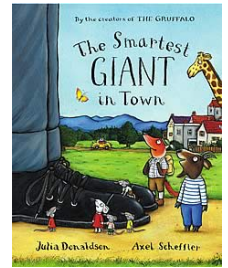


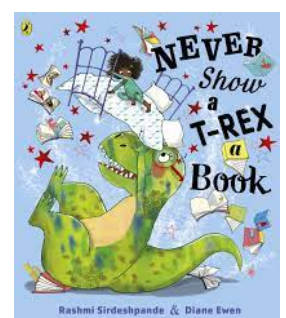
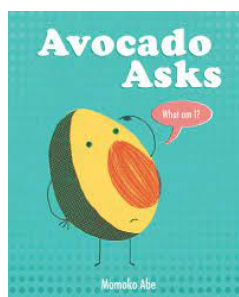
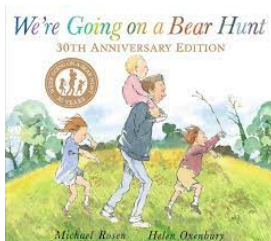
Sharing stories with children - top tips!



This is a reading for pleasure, pure enjoyment time! If you feel it might help you, find time beforehand to read the book aloud to yourself first, so you can think about how you are going to read it. Then, make it a special, quiet time. Cuddle up and make sure you can both see the book, especially the pictures.



- Show curiosity about the book - “This looks interesting. I wonder what that dinosaur is going to get up to?”
- The first time you read the story together, read right through without stopping too much - let the story weave its own magic and read with enjoyment.
- Read favourite stories over and over again
- On later readings of the same book, let your child pause, think about and comment on the pictures.
- Help your child make sense of what is happening if you feel they do not understand. “Oh” I think what’s happening here is that
- Chat about the story and the pictures “I wonder why she did that? What would you have done?”
- Link the stories to your own family experiences “This reminds me of when”
- Link stories to others that your child knows “Ah! Do you remember the wolf in? Do you remember what happened to him?”
- Encourage your child to join in with the bits they know.
- Avoid asking questions to test what your child remembers.
- Avoid telling children that reading stories is good for them - just let them enjoy it.



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