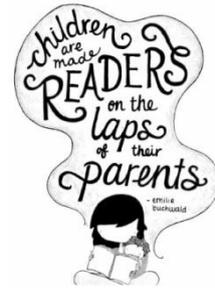




# Reading with children

*Children who read daily are four times more likely to read above the level expected for their age compared with their peers who don't read daily.*



- 1. Supports cognitive (the way we learn to think, explore and work things out) development**  
By reading to children, you provide them with a deep understanding about their world and fill their brains with background knowledge. They then use this acquired background knowledge to make sense of what they see, hear, and read, which aids their cognitive development.
- 2. Improves vocabulary and language skills**  
Children learn new words as they read. Subconsciously, they absorb information on how to structure sentence and how to use words and other language features effectively in their speaking and writing.
- 3. Prepare for academic success**  
Reading promotes achievements in all subjects, not just English. Children who are good readers tend to achieve better across the curriculum.
- 4. A special bond with your child**  
Reading together, bedtime stories and visiting the library are just some of the ways you can spend time together. If a parent reads with a child on a regular basis, then they will undoubtedly develop a stronger relationship with them. It provides children with feelings of attention, love, and reassurance which is key for nurturing and wellbeing
- 5. Increased concentration and discipline**  
Children have to sit still and quietly so they can focus on the story when they are reading. If the read is often, they will develop the skills to do this for longer.
- 6. Improved imagination, creativity and empathy**  
As we read our brains translate the descriptions we read into pictures. While we engage in a story we are also imaging how a character is feeling. Young children then bring this into their everyday play. As children read they begin to imagine how they would feel in that situation.
- 7. They gain a deeper understanding of their world.**  
Through reading a verity of books children learn about people, places and events outside of their own experiences.
- 8. Cultivate a lifelong love of reading - reading is fun!**  
A book or an e-reader doesn't take up much space, so you can take it anywhere, you will never be bored if you have a book!