



# EIGHT TOP TIPS TO HELP YOU RAISE A READER



**Pick a time** – just a few minutes at a certain time each day is enough to create a reading habit.



**Be a role model** – children who see their parents reading realise that reading isn't just for kids.



**Read with each other** – make it sociable. Reading is more fun when you have someone to talk to about the book.



**Stage and screen** – lots of TV programs, films and games started as books. Knowing the characters and storyline beforehand can take some of the unpredictability out of reading or help children progress onto longer books.

**Audiobooks** – audiobooks allow children to experience a book above their own reading level. It also allows you to share a book together or make the most of car journeys. Listening to a story over and over again can also improve vocabulary and encourage deeper comprehension.

**Reading buddies** – reading to a younger sibling, a pet or even a toy can improve your child's confidence and encourage them to communicate.



**Value their choices** – all reading is valuable so follow your child. Some prefer non-fiction; some prefer comics. One child might like superhero books; another might love reading match reports. Choosing the text is a very powerful way of putting your child in control of the process and makes them much more likely to get involved.

**Get comfy!** – sometimes *where* you read can have a big impact on how much a child enjoys it. Turn off the TV, get a blanket, a cushion (and maybe even a biscuit) and snuggle up together with a book. Bliss!

