

## **What does Reading look like at Strathmore?**

At Strathmore, we plan reading activities specifically to match learners' abilities. We follow the Strathmore Literacy Framework which supports phonics, word reading, language comprehension, transcription, and composition.

We use various strategies to support reading and communication in school, such as:

- Phonics activities
- Colorful semantics
- Sight reading games.
- Reading stories aloud
- Songs and rhymes
- Sensory stories
- Drama activities
- Using real objects as story prompts
- Stories through play
- Using IT and websites (visual Literacy)

As with any skill that the children are taught at school, the more they can practice and generalize this skill in the home environment, the greater their progress will be.

## **Tips for Story time with books at home:**

- Ask your child to choose what they'd like to read. They'll feel more interested in the story if they've picked it out themselves. (And don't worry if they keep returning to the same story, either!)
- If you can, turn off the TV, radio, and computer. It's easier for both of you to enjoy the story without any other distractions.
- Sit close together. You could encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages, too.
- Look at the pictures. You don't just have to read the words on the page. Maybe there's something funny in the pictures that you can giggle about together, or perhaps your child enjoys guessing what will happen next.
- Ask questions and talk about the book. Picture books can be a great way to talk through your child's fears and worries, or to help them deal with their emotions.
- There's no right or wrong way to share a story – if you and your child are having fun. Don't be afraid to act out situations or use funny voices.

- Have fun and make it relaxing and enjoyable 😊

### **Story Activity Ideas for home:**

- Using toys and puppets to tell a story.
- Messy play with small world toys
- Using Sensory bottles with parts of a story to make different sounds.
- Matching games
- Sorting activities
- Using visual / virtual stories – CBeebies bedtime stories

### **Helpful Websites:**

Literacytrust.org.uk

[Have some fun | BookTrust](#)

BBC bitesize

Phonicsplay.co.uk

[Story Massage - fun and interactive positive touch for all](#)

[DIY books | Bag Books provides multi-sensory books and storytelling for people with severe or profound and multiple learning disabilities.](#)

[Sensory Story Collection - Special Education and Inclusive Learning \(inclusiveteach.com\)](#)

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/literacy-tips-parents-children-learning-disabilities>