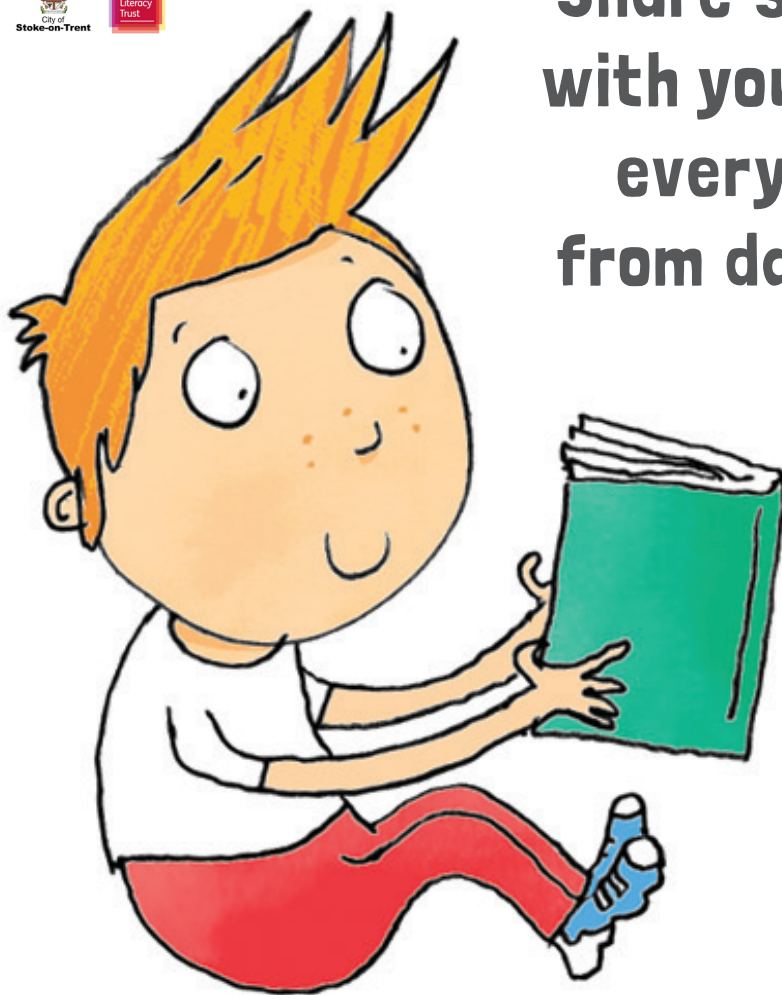


**STOKE  
READS**



**Share stories  
with your child  
every day  
from day one!**

Reading with your child is a chance for you to relax and spend time together.  
It is also a great way for your child to learn new words and ideas.

It's never too early to start and just 10 minutes a day can make a difference.

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# Make story time special

- Find a quiet place to read and turn off the TV and mobile phone if you can.
- Sit where you can both see the story so you can talk about the pictures.
- It's great to make links to real life when you are reading. If there's a picture of a dog, talk about a dog that you know.
- Let grandparents, older siblings and other adults join in with reading too.
- Don't be afraid to share favourite books over and over again. This will help your child to learn new words and join in.
- As your child gets older, choose a longer chapter book to come back to each day. It will help to build their memory and understanding.
- Ask your child what they think might happen next in the story. Talking helps your child to become the storyteller.
- Introduce your child to the library as soon as possible. It's free to join, welcoming and fun.
- Pick up a copy of the *Stoke 100 Reads* for ideas of books to read together.

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