Reading with children

What children like:

- naming the things they know
- talking, singing and moving to music
- hearing words that rhyme
- making up their own stories and drawing the pictures
- listening to stories about themselves, families, friends and going to school
- reading alphabet and counting books
- helping to tell a story or song they know.
You can help your child grow into a strong reader.

How?

• point out signs, grocery packaging and other words and pictures when you shop
• help your child to draw and talk about the drawings they make
• make up actions to go with the words of songs
• as you read, run your finger under the words
• talk about the story and ask questions e.g. “What is the bird doing?”
• help your child find the first letter of their name in the book
• share eBooks and apps to help your child learn about sounds and letters in words
• keep books at your place to share with your child
• visit your local library regularly and borrow books.