

# St.Thomas' Nursery Information Leaflet.

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### *Sharing books A Good Practice Guide*

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*'If you think you can, you can'*

*Supporting language, even when*

*English is not your first language*

#### **Keep language Alive**

Reading books together is a great way to help your child: Talk, listen and learn new words

Learn about your family's culture

Gain confidence to learn and use a second language, such as English.

## How to share books in English and your home language

Talk about the pictures and what is happening in the story

**Encourage your child** by making lots of eye contact and smiles

**Make time each day** to cuddle up with your child and share stories

**Have some quiet, quality time together** - switch off your TV, radio or mobile phone

**If you use more than one language**, Your child may use English words - you can still reply or repeat what they have said in your own language

**Visit your local library** to look for children's books in your home language, there is always lots going on and activities to get involved with.

**Sing or say nursery rhymes and songs together** as sharing rhymes helps your child learn to read. Why not share rhymes from your home language?



### At Nursery

### Inside and out!

### Books are everywhere

- We have a wide variety of books, board books, lift the flap, fact and fiction, rhyming,
- We have books with props as well as lots of lovely story sacks, with games and puppets.
- We act out stories in our play.
- We have several story times every day.
- We have cosy places to share stories,
- Stories are shared In groups or alone or on a 1-1 with an adult.
- We use props to make up stories.
- We make up stories without books
- We visit the library
- We have story bags to send home with parents.
- We also have story CD's (these are great to have in the car on long journeys too)

Story time and book sharing are very important and we invest a lot of time in developing a love of books. It has many long term educational benefits and is proven to support learning throughout a child's life.

television/radio

mobile phone pc and tablet



## *What can parents do?*

### **Bedtime reading**

Sharing books with your baby or child and reading aloud with them at bedtime is a fun, warm and loving experience.

Just by reading aloud together for ten minutes a day will see them grow into eager, confident learners, acquiring listening skills and gaining new words that are far beyond their reading ability.

### **A Perfect way to end the day**

Babies and children love routine and rituals. The joy of looking forward to a story makes a bedtime routine so much more fun and exciting. Ending the day with a loving cuddle and a book helps a child wind down ready for sleep. Avoid TV at bed time or in bedrooms.

### **Give them a flying start.**

Even babies that are too young to understand the story will be soothed and calmed by your voice when you share a book with them. Babies and children who love books and the pleasure of hearing stories and rhymes have a flying start when it comes to learning to read by themselves.

**Keep on sharing!** But remember to keep sharing books together, even when your child can capably read alone.

## *Things to try at home*

Reading starts with good listening skills, so turn off your mobile phones and tablets, switch off the television and radio. Get comfy and start to share books before bed or anytime that suits you. Talk about who wrote the book and drew the pictures too. Discuss the pictures and ask questions, don't worry if your child chats and ask questions about what they see, this is just as much value as the words of the story. In fact first books in school have few or no words at all and encourage children to create their own story from the pictures on the page.

When your out and about point out signs and labels in shops.

Don't forget to visit the library they have lots of activities, events and story times to access and they are free. They will also advise you about what books are ideal for your child's age. Choose age appropriate books.

**'Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.' —  
Emilie Buchwald**

We want to prevent a whole generation of children failing to discover the joy of books and reading, we must encourage parents, families and practitioners alike that story time is a child's right, not a privilege, and one of the most precious gifts that anyone can give to a child, is to find time to share a story together.

If you would like a paper copy, please see a member of staff in Nursery and they will be able to provide this. We are also able to provide copies with larger text if required.



## **Every Child Matters**

### **5 Outcomes for children**

Be Healthy

Stay Safe

Enjoy and Achieve

Make a positive contribution

Achieve Economic well being

