

Early Reading Series: (2) "Start to Read!"

The Basics

- Read short sentences of two or three letter words
- Retell a simple story
- Recognise 5-10 tricky words by sight
- Write their name (and a few other easy words)
- Build sentences using familiar words
- Match some repeated words in simple books



Play games like...

... singing the alphabet song

... alliterative games, e.g. "Annie got an apple & Ben got a bike."

... letter trains. Making chains of words matching the last letter of one with the first letter of the next

... find pictures in magazines and make sets of words which begin with (use key letters)

... eye-spy on your way to school

Top Tips!

Continue to discuss the title and the front cover - make predictions about the story

Always read a book aloud before you ask your child to read the book to you - hearing the words and language patterns helps them no end!

Always point to the words as you read them aloud

Talk about what's happening and what will happen next

Always ask: "What was your favourite bit?"