

From mountain to sea

Learning at home to support **READING**

1

Let your child see you reading!
Have magazines and books in your home.

2

Help your child find appropriate words and reading games on the computer. Keep a dictionary on hand, help your child look up new words they read or hear.

3

Read mysteries with your child and try to figure out the clues together.

4

Movie version coming out? Read the book together first, then talk about which you like better.

5

Set aside a time and place for your child to read - like a comfy chair and a reading light in a quiet place.

6

Visit your public library regularly. Look for and read books together

7

Encourage your child to write thank you notes, letters, emails, journals, lists, stories about their own trips, events and daily life

8

Ask your child questions about what he or she is reading, such as:

- What is the story about?
- Who are the important characters in the story?
- Where does the story take place?
- Why do you think the character made that choice?
- Why did that happen?
- How did you know about.....?
- Would you recommend this book to your friends?

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Ask your child to draw a comic strip about what happens in the story. Provide work searches, crossword and other word games and puzzles, or help your child make his/her own

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Learning at home to support **SPELLING**

1

Have your child write spelling words:
On paper with pencils, pens, markers or paint.
With chalk on a pavement or patio.
With wipe clean markers on a mirror.
Type on the computer.
With their fingers in a plate of pudding.
With fingers in shaving cream on a counter.

2

Have your child spell the words out loud while you are in the car or in line at a store.

3

Spell words using blocks, Scrabble tiles, or flash cards. (make your own with index cards - one card for each letter. Consider using different coloured cards for vowels).

4

If the list of words is long, have your child choose 4-5 to focus on at a time.

5

Have your child write the words in alphabetical order or in order from shortest to longest.

6

Play 'Hangman' with your child using the spelling words. Make crossword puzzles and word searches with the spelling words for your child to solve.

7

Combine spelling with physical activity. Have your child do jumping jacks, saying one letter per jump, or while walking up and down stairs, saying one letter per step.

8

Keep a dictionary in your home and help your children look up unfamiliar words