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Ten Top Tips for Tip Top Reading

- 1** It's never too early to start reading to your bump or to the youngest of babies as they will love to hear your voice, no matter how tiny they are!
- 2** Try to have some special time each day when you snuggle up together, in a calm, comfortable place to enjoy a story
- 3** You don't always need to read the printed word. You can share a book by simply looking at the pictures together
- 4** Don't forget your local library. Get your little one a library card as soon as possible. Look out for Storyrhymes sessions held there and join in the fun!
- 5** For the littlest of little ones, lift-the-flap, fabric books or those with different textures are perfect for little hands (and mouths!) to explore
- 6** When you share a story, have fun and make up silly voices. You could even use puppets, toys or props to bring the story to life!
- 7** Keeping books within your little one's reach means they can always show you when they're ready to share a story
- 8** Reading your little one's favourite stories over and over again is fine. You're helping your little one to remember the story, learn new words and they love that repetition
- 9** Make the most of rhyme and repetition in the books you share. Can your little one spot the words that rhyme as you say them or that start with the same sounds?
- 10** Help your little one to re-tell their favourite stories. It's a great way to build their memory skills.

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