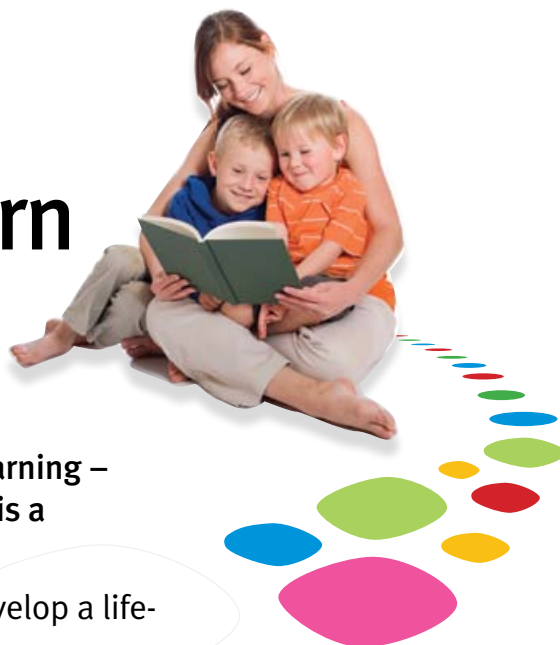


Help your child learn to love reading



Young children have an enormous appetite for learning – every new word is a wonder and the entire world is a classroom.

As your child's first teacher you can help them develop a life-long love of reading.

Some tips for parents and carers

- Make time to read aloud to your child every day, even for a few minutes.
- Ensure reading is fun and exciting – read with excitement.
- Let your child hold the book and turn the pages.
- Allow your child to choose the book sometimes as this helps them connect with reading.
- Help your child to join in by reading books with repetition or rhyme, and let them finish the sentences.
- Try to make time to read to children individually.
- Take your child to the local library and let them choose some books to borrow.
- Going shopping together? As well as the supermarket, go for a browse in a bookshop.
- Show the importance of reading in your daily life by reading aloud recipes, text messages, timetables or newspapers for example.
- Point out and read common words in the daily environment such as STOP, Toilets and Exit.

Visit www.qld.gov.au for more tips and information on helping your child to learn and for a list of age-appropriate books for children and young people.