

# MAKE TIME TO READ

# 10 minutes a day

reading with your child can make a difference in a **big way!**  
Whether at home, at school or out and about . . .  
**make time to read!**



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Children who read outside of class are **13 times** more likely to read above the expected level for their age.

### In just 10 minutes you can:

- Increase knowledge
- Build vocabulary
- Improve spelling

### Top Tips for reading with children:

- **Let children read ingredients** from recipes while you bake together. It's a great way to help them to read, in bite-size pieces.
- **Sing together** - Nursery rhymes for the younger ones and chart hits on YouTube for the older ones.
- **Find reading material** that focuses on an interest your child has e.g. a child with a love of animals might enjoy reading Dr Seuss' The Cat in the Hat.
- **Helping your child to read** is one of the greatest gifts. There are 100's of e-books and e-magazines you can download for free.



### Library activities:

- Music workshops
- Storytelling events
- Helping children with homework



### Top tips for reading with children of all ages:

- Reading together will bring you closer, why not try a bilingual book
- As a bedtime treat read in the dark with torches.
- Don't just read books, read magazines, websites and cookery books.
- Let them choose what they want to read by giving them a book voucher or magazine subscription as a present.

### We need your help:

If you have any tips you'd like to share email [literacy@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:literacy@wales.gsi.gov.uk) or go to our Facebook page – Make Time to Read.

For more tips on how to encourage children to read please visit: **Facebook/Make time to read**

