

## **GM Tips for Book Sharing:**

Here are lots of ways to help me develop a love of books and reading with you. Reading for pleasure will begin to build a strong foundation for me when I start at school and begin to learn to read. Research tells us that reading books and sharing books with children is linked to great academic and health outcomes in the future

### **Repetition:**

I love to hear and talk about my favourite stories again and again this will strengthen connections in my brain which helps my language development.

- Using the language we speak most often will help me the most.
- Let me choose the story we look at and give me time to share and show you what I am interested in. By looking at something I am interested in might mean I stay looking for longer!
- It doesn't matter if we look and talk about the same page again and again this will help me learn
- Follow my lead and talk with me about the things I can see. Let's take our time as we look and share the book together.

### **Maximising routines**

I love to snuggle up and share stories with you and other special people in my life. When we cuddle and share our stories our brains release chemicals called endorphins and serotonin that make us feel happy.

- Using the language we speak most often will help me the most.
- Bedtime and other quiet times of the day are great times for us to share stories together.
- Making this part of our routine together means we do this often which helps my learning and development.

### **Exploring books:**

Why not visit the local library as part of our weekly activities? This will keep me interested and help me develop a love of reading.

- Using the language we speak most often will help me the most.
- Let me choose my favourite book and then you can help me choose others that we can share too
- It is good for me to see you enjoying reading too so don't forget to choose a book for you!
- Let's share our books as part of our daily routine. When we do this often this helps me to learn and develop.

### **Talking around the story in the book:**

I love it when we look at the pictures in the book and talk about the people in the story. This can be a great way to explore my feelings and emotions.

- Using the language we speak most often will help me the most.
- Learning about and naming feelings and emotions helps me to develop resilience, empathy and gives me a sense of identity.
- We can make connections between what we are doing and how we feel using the pictures as a reminder

### **New vocabulary:**

I love it when we talk about the objects, people and places we can see on the pages of the book. This can be a great way to explore, listen to and use new words and helps me hear and see words I might not have heard before.

- Using the language we speak most often will help me the most.
- Let's talk about new words from our books when we are out and about – for example if we have been reading the hungry caterpillar story, when we are at the supermarket we can look to see if we can spot the food that the caterpillar ate.
- You know it helps me to hear and use words again and again so hearing new words in different places can really help my language development
- I like it when we clap the number of beats in new words as we say them as this will help me remember it.
- It helps me when we look for groups of things in the pictures for example 'Let's look for animals'. This can help me learn how words can belong in groups (categories)