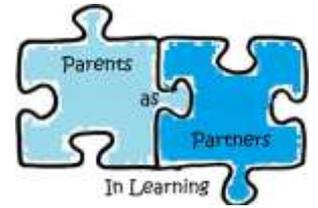


Parents as Partners in Learning

Books at home



Making your own books at home

- Using a favourite character or subject (e.g. cars, trains) may help to engage your child in enjoying the book
- Involving your child in making process is a fun activity to share and may also increase their interest in using the finished book
- You can link the book to your child's development targets for example letters, numbers, shapes or colours
- If your child likes being able to touch pictures or books you can include sensory elements in the book

You will need

- Paper or card to make the book pages
- A hole punch
- Treasury tags, string or ribbon to secure the pages together
- Glue
- Scissors
- Pictures or materials to stick in the book

Where to find your pictures

- Search the internet using 'Google Images' for pictures of their favourite cartoon character
- If they have an interest in a particular subject for example trains or cars collect pictures from magazines, catalogues or the internet
- Use post cards from family holidays or day trips out
- Take pictures of your child doing activities they enjoy or help them to take pictures of family members, pets or favourite places or toys
- Try making a tactile book which they can touch. You could use any materials you find around the house that have an interesting feel but you may want to try: sandpaper, bubble wrap, corrugated card, old clothes or textiles, foil or cellophane

If you don't have internet access at home you can use the internet free for up to one hour per day at your local library once you become a member (which is free of charge). Many of them also have facilities to print or photocopy images. You could also check out their range of picture or tactile books while you're there! You'll find a list of libraries on the back of this handout.