

Reading

1. Look at the front cover talk about what your child can see, what are the pictures showing, tell them what the title is, ask them to predict what they think will happen in the story.
2. Look through the book asking the children to talk about what they can see in the pictures, encouraging them to talk in short sentences 'The cat is running after the dog'.
3. The next time you look at the book ask the children to use the pictures to tell a story and as you return to the book each time encourage them to add more detail.
4. Before getting to the end of the story you could ask your child what they think will happen and they could draw a picture to show this.
5. Look at the characters in the book and ask your child to describe them.
6. Ask them to draw a picture of their favourite character.
7. If your child's book has words in please encourage them to follow the print and say the sounds of the letters.
8. As you look through the book ask the children lots of questions using where, why etc – Where is the dog? Why is the cat running after the dog?

You repeat these steps with the books your child has at home.

Make a list of the books you read and ask the children to draw pictures.