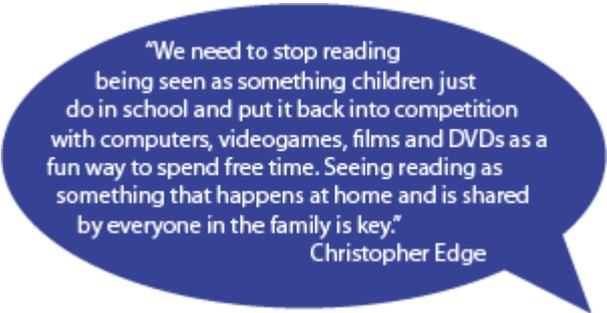**Top 10 tips to help children enjoy reading**

Reading should be fun.

1. **Make books a part of family life** – Always have books around at home. That way you and your children are ready to get reading, even if it's only for ten minutes.

2. **Join your local library** – Get your child a library card. They'll be able to get their hands on hundreds of fantastic books!

3. **Read about something they're interested in** – Help your child find the right book for them. It doesn't matter if it's fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction.

"We need to stop reading being seen as something children just do in school and put it back into competition with computers, videogames, films and DVDs as a fun way to spend free time. Seeing reading as something that happens at home and is shared by everyone in the family is key."
Christopher Edge

4. **All reading is good** – Don't rule out non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines or leaflets. Reading is reading and it's all worthwhile.

5. **Get comfortable!** – Snuggle up together somewhere warm and cosy, whether it's in bed, on a beanbag or on the sofa. And make sure your child has somewhere comfy to read on their own too.

6. **Ask questions** – To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read. Start with 'Where did we get to last time?', 'Can you remember what's happened so far?' and 'What do you think will happen next?'.

7. **Read whenever you get the chance** – Have a book or magazine with you for any time your child has to wait, like at the doctor's or the dentist.

8. **Read favourites again and again** – Encourage your child to re-read the books and poems they love. Re-reading helps to build fluency and confidence.

9. **Enjoy bedtime stories** – Read with your kids at bedtime as often as you can. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with them.

10. **Make the most of rhyme and repetition** – Books and poems with rhymes and repeated words or phrases are great for getting your kids to join in and remember the words.