

## Literacy is:

- Listening and Talking
- Reading
- Writing

## Listening and Talking is central to all learning.

- Continue to talk about rhyming words by playing games and singing songs e.g. Humpty Dumpty
- Find things which begin with the sound *a, b, c* etc.
- Encourage your child to use words like *and, or, then, because* etc. to help to develop their speech. e.g. "What did you do at school today?"  
"I did my writing, **then** I went out to play."
- Give your child increasingly more complex instructions e.g. "Put the book and the toy on the top shelf in the cupboard and then close the door."
- Help your child to discuss feelings by using **HOW** and **WHY** questions.  
e.g. "How do you feel"? (excited, disappointed, happy, worried, anxious) "Why do you feel like that?"



## Reading for Information and Enjoyment

- Continue to visit the Library and read to your child every day.
- When you read with your child you could ask "What do think will happen next?"  
"What is your favourite part of the story?"
- Encourage them to find words they already recognise in books, environment, newspapers, food packets etc.
- Look for common words like: *the, of, and, a, to* etc.



Take them to a Library and enjoy choosing both fiction and non fiction books.

Ask your child to read signs in the environment which give information e.g. POLICE, ENTRANCE, EXIT, shop signs, adverts etc.



**Sharing a book with your child for 10 minutes every day will develop his/her desire to read.**