

Movement now helps writing later!



Give your baby opportunities to explore their surroundings by moving and reaching.



Give the child small toys to pick up and put in a box.



Play with building blocks or large lego.



Show your child how to draw large shapes in the air.



Dance together and get your child to copy your movements and you can copy their movements too.



Why bring you baby to your local library?



It is FREE for your child to join your local library.



Your child will have access to a variety of books and Storytimes are held at most libraries on a regular basis.



Your child will meet and see other children and families reading and enjoying books



You can enjoy the adult library services on offer, meet other parents and find out about events and clubs for you and your family.

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Talk, Read,


Write...


BABIES





"Making storytime a special way to spend time together."


Why is it important to talk to my baby?


 Babies learn to talk by hearing other people talking.


 Talk naturally to them about what you are doing.


 Have them nearby when you are talking to other adults so that they can listen.

 Repeat sounds they make by themselves and turn them into a game.


 Turn sounds into words. For example, say 'bang, bang' if they are banging.


 Name sounds you hear. If you hear a car engine, say 'that's a car'. When they use a word, add another one. If they say 'cat', say 'nice cat'.


 Sing Nursery Rhymes and lullabies. Even just 'la, la, la' will do.

 Listen to different kinds of music together.

Why should I read to my baby?


 Sharing stories and books at an early stage helps reading later on.


 Reading books gives you an opportunity to talk about many topics which wouldn't come up in conversation.


 Reading is a wonderful way to bond with your child. Physical closeness is important in a child's development. Storytime is great for a cuddle!


How To Read to your Baby


 Bring your Baby to storytime at your local library and learn from the storytellers yourself.


 Join your local Library and borrow a variety of books for your baby.


 Stories are not just found in books. Tell your child short, simple stories you know.


 When you begin reading aloud to a baby, you will only be able to keep their attention for a few minutes. This will grow as they grow.


 Share books by looking at and talking about the pictures. Name something and ask your child to find it in the pictures.


 Find time to sit together and share books sometime during the day; five minutes can be enough.

 Choose a variety of books, especially ones that look fun. Libraries are great places to try out lots of different kinds of books.

 Show your child how to use books – how to hold them, move from left to right and move from front to back through the book.

 Run your fingers under to words occasionally so your child's eye get used to going from left to right.

 Give your child books to 'read' themselves so they can practice turning pages and looking at the pictures.

 Carry a few books with you in the car, buggy or changing bag and keep a waterproof book in the bath. It can be a great way to distract or entertain them