

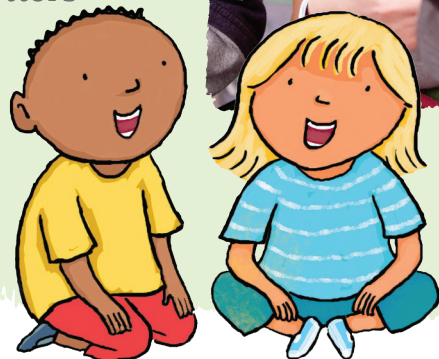
WHO KNEW THAT LEARNING COULD BE SUCH FUN

Parents and families are the most important thing in the world to children

What you do with your children has the most impact on their overall development.

CHILDREN AND MAKING OPPORTUNITIES TO:

- Read and share books together
- Go to the library to choose books
- Go on visits – there are lots of free things like going to the park
- Playing with sounds, letters and numbers
- Singing songs and rhymes
- Drawing and painting
- Playing with friends



Doing these things with your children helps them with their social and cognitive development. This gives children a positive attitude to learning and an added advantages in their development that lasts throughout their primary and secondary school life.



SPOTTING NUMBERS

On car number plates, buses and house doors? (Young children will be especially interested in the number that corresponds to how old they are)!

PLAYING I SPY

(You can say something the colour green for younger children)



MAKE THE MOST OF THE THINGS YOU DO

E.g. at bath time talk about 'empty' and 'full' containers, sponges that 'float' what might 'sink' 'big bubbles' and 'small bubbles'.

SHARING A STORY AT BEDTIME

You do not have to read a book you could make a story up with your child.



TAKING PHOTOS ON YOUR TRIPS TO THE PARK

The swings, the ducks etc and talking about them when you get home. Can you draw or paint what you saw with your child? Perhaps make a book (collection of photos or pictures) about the places you visit?



SPOTTING SHAPES

Doors are rectangles, road signs that are circles or triangles... how many can you spot?