

# TIPS FOR PARENTS

## How can you help your child?

### Ideas For Listening To Reading

When listening to reading your child is doing most of the reading. You can assist with understanding and unknown words.

The goal or aim of listening to reading is to ENJOY a book together.

SIT OR LIE TOGETHER WITH THE BOOK IN THE MIDDLE SO YOU CAN BOTH SEE THE BOOK.

- 1) Talk about the title and pictures on the front cover:  
Guess
  - what might happen in the story?
  - who might the story be about?
  - will the book be real or pretend?
  
- 2) Talk about what good readers do when they read.  
Good readers will
  - stop at full stops, take a breath and check that they understand
  - change their voice for different characters
  - read to understand, look at the pictures, think as they read and ask themselves questions.
  
- 3) Let the child begin reading. Try not to interrupt them even if they make a mistake.
  
- 4) If their reading makes sense tell them they are doing some good reading. Tell them WHY it is good reading.
  - they are correcting their own mistakes
  - they are using the pictures to guess hard words
  - they are reading on and then reading back
  - they are guessing what will happen next
  - they are asking questions

