

# Promoting a love for reading at home

At the Vale of Evesham School, pupils will be encouraged to choose a book from their reading corners in class or the school library to take home and enjoy with their family and friends. Empowering children to make their own choices around books is an important part of promoting a love for reading.

Below are a few ideas and links to promote this further:

1. Designate time each day to enjoy a book together.

**2. Join a local library!** Library visits are encouraged to expose pupils to a wide range of books and empower choice. Children can have their own library cards without incurring fines for delayed returns. Evesham, Pershore and Worcester have impressive children's areas within their libraries with regular, free events:

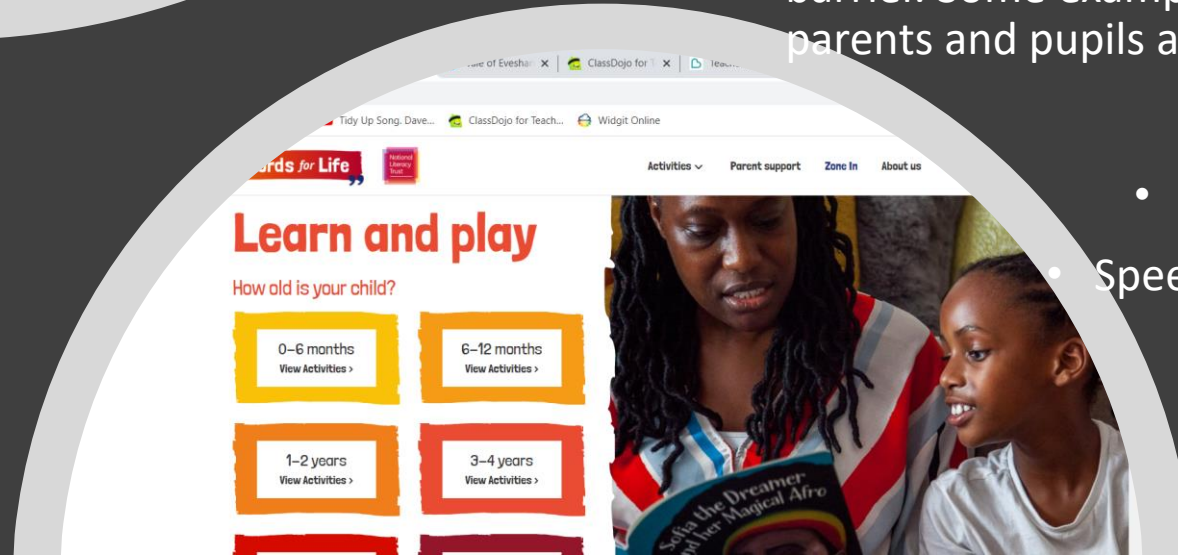
- Evesham Library - <http://www.thehiveworcester.org/>
- Pershore library - [https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/directory\\_record/27/pershore\\_library](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/directory_record/27/pershore_library)
- Worcester (The Hive) library - <http://www.thehiveworcester.org/>





• **3. Incorporate reading with play!** Reading doesn't have to be a quiet, sit-down activity. There are lots of ways to develop pre-reading skills such as attention and listening through play. Incorporating play is likely to motivate and form positive associations with reading. 'Words for Life' is a brilliant website full of ideas listed according to age <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/>.

• **4. Make reading accessible through technology.** Technology has improved significantly and there are many resources available to support with reading. Using such tools promote independence and develop confidence when accessing the community when reading difficulties could be a potential barrier. Some examples that have been tried and tested by parents and pupils at the Vale of Evesham school include:



- C PEN reader
- Natural Reader app
- Speechify Audio Text Reader

# BBC SOUNDS

- **5. Watch and listen to others reading stories.** Share stories together and share your own excitement about books. Pupils may be motivated to read by watching celebrities and authors read.
- Story Time - <https://www.puffinschools.co.uk/resource-categories/videos-storytime/>
- **6. Listen to audio books and podcasts!** Car journeys, bedtimes and down time in the day are great opportunities for youngsters to become immersed in a story and absorb a rich vocabulary.

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