Reading with babies

What babies like:

• to sit close and to see the book and your face
• to look at and listen to the world around them
• to touch objects with different textures (soft, smooth, prickly)
• to move to the rhythm of stories and music
• to look at one book over and over again
• to hold the book and help turn the pages
• to look at books about family, food, animals and colours.

Share rhymes, songs and stories every day
You can help your baby grow into a strong reader.

How?

• play and laugh with baby
• hold the book so baby can see the pictures and your face
• talk about what baby is doing or pointing to
• give baby different textures to touch and talk about what they feel like
• sing songs that baby can clap and dance to
• tell baby’s favourite stories and rhymes over and over again
• show baby the pictures and talk about them
• keep books at home to share with baby
• take baby to the library and look at the books.