Talk with your child. Speaking and listening provides your child with different ways to learn and think about the world.

Provide a positive role model. Chat about what you are reading in books, newspapers and magazines, or viewing on screens.

Read to your child every day. This is not always possible but it may be that you point out words when you are travelling, read something aloud from a newspaper, magazine or book, or point out something interesting on screen.

Listen to your child read. All children like to receive positive feedback and listening to your child read is a great opportunity to congratulate him or her on what has been achieved.

Encourage your child to read from a wide range of sources. There is much to learn and enjoy from reading picture books, short stories, poetry, comics, magazines, instruction manuals and so on.