## Ten top tips for reading stories to your child

- Make reading to your child feel like a treat.
   Introduce each new book with excitement.
- 2 Make it a special quiet time and cuddle up so both of you can see the book.
- 3 Show curiosity in what you're going to read:
  Oh no! I think Arthur is going to get even angrier now.
- 4 Read the whole story the first time through without stopping too much. If you think your child might not understand something, model an explanation:

Oh I think what's happening here is that...

- 5 Chat about the story:

  I wonder why he did that?

  Oh no, I hope she's not going to...

  I wouldn't have done that, would you?
- 6 Avoid asking questions to test what your child remembers.
- 7 Link stories to your own experiences (e.g. This reminds me of...)
- 8 Read favourite stories over and over again. Get your child to join in with the bits they know.
- 9 Read with enthusiasm. Don't be embarrassed to try out different voices. Your child will love it.
- 10 Read with enjoyment.
  If you're not enjoying it, your child won't.