

## Start With A Book

When you start with a book you give your child a sense of story, an understanding that the written word communicates a message. Reading to your child shows them how a story unfolds. Reading with your child supports their own learning of the skills needed to be able to read by themselves. When you start with a book, you can embed the learning in the context of the story.

### When you start with a book...

- a child learns that a story has a beginning, middle and end.
- a child learns that non-fiction books are made up of facts about the world.
- a child learns about the writer's craft and how to become a writer themselves.



### When you start with a book...

- learning letters, sounds and words makes more sense.
- your child can pick out letters or sounds or words they already know from the pages.
- you can point out one or two new letters, sounds or words and then reinforce them using the games and activities in this resource.

### When you start with a book...

- you can talk about what your child thinks may happen next, what they see as they make a picture in their minds, how they can connect the story to their own lives or other books you have read together.
- a whole new world of adventure opens up for your child...and you!

