

Fun Ideas for Reading

The following activities could help develop children's reading and communication skills through co-operative word games:

- ❖ Place a number of items on a tray. Then cover the tray and ask your child if they can name the items. As an extension activity you could ask them if they could write the names of the items down.
- ❖ Fishing phonics. Place a range of words on the table and using a 'fishing rod' made from string, a stick and a paper clip see if your child can fish for the right words.
- ❖ Place words around a room and try to get your child to find each word.
- ❖ 'I Spy' games where children have to name as many objects beginning with a particular letter or sound.
- ❖ Write some words on a piece of paper and ask your child to think of words which rhyme with them.
- ❖ Write out some sentences on paper or type them on a computer, then cut up each word and see if your child can make sentences for themselves out of the mixed-up words.
- ❖ Sensory stories - for example We are going on a bear hunt, collect resources to represent the grass, mud, river, snow, forest, etc and re-tell the story using the props. Can children think of their own descriptive language for the sensory experience.
- ❖ Using pictures, ask children to create their own story.
- ❖ Read stories with repetitive phrases and encourage your child to join in with the repetition.
- ❖ Ask questions whilst reading - what do you think will happen next? Do you know what this is? How are they feeling?
- ❖ [Reading Rockets](#) has lots of good ideas.
- ❖ Online resources to support working at home include [Top Marks](#) and [Oxford Owl](#).