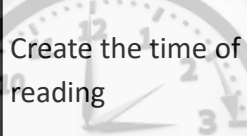


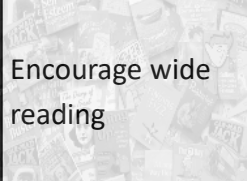

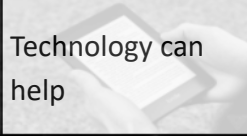
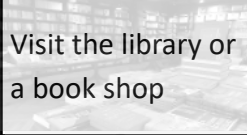
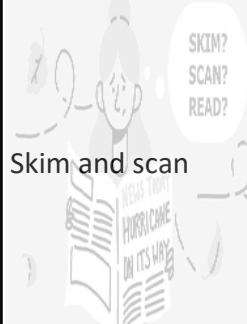
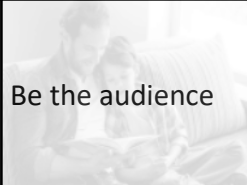
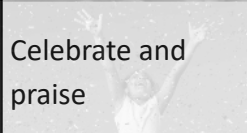




## Top Ten Tips for supporting your child's reading development at home

1	 <p>Create the time of reading</p>	Reading for just 15 minutes every day can have a significant impact on knowledge, vocabulary development and general language development.
2	 <p>Get involved</p>	Both talking to your child about what they are reading, and modelling good reading yourself, are great ways of encouraging your child to read.
3	 <p>Reading space</p>	Make sure that there is a place to read at home. This could be a comfortable area away from the TV and other distractions. Have lots of books and reading material around the house to develop a culture of reading at home.
4	 <p>Encourage wide reading</p>	Encourage your child to read magazines, newspapers and other reading materials – it doesn't just have to be books. For talented readers, encourage your child to read a range of genres including non-fiction, plays and poetry.
5	 <p>Link to their interests</p>	We all know that doing something you enjoy makes you want to do it more, so encourage your child to read texts associated with their interests. Link books and reading to films at the cinema or video games they know.
6	 <p>Technology can help</p>	Make use of e-books and e-book readers such as Kindles. Kindles are often better as you can only read on them – no internet distractions!
7	 <p>Visit the library or a book shop</p>	Taking a visit to either of these is a great way to encourage a love of reading. Being immersed in a place which has books on every topic can really encourage your child to find something that interests them.
8	 <p>Skim and scan</p>	Try some skimming and scanning together. Skimming is when you read through a piece of text quickly to find out what the main idea is; scanning is glancing through a piece of text to find a specific piece of information. You can do this with a newspaper – why not ask them to scan a newspaper for news about a favourite footballer or to find out the weekend weather, or get them to skim read a recipe to tell you the basic steps?
9	 <p>Be the audience</p>	Build in time for your child to read to you. Research has shown that reading aloud to someone can help improve reading skills. Asking your child questions about what they have read can help develop their understanding.
10	 <p>Celebrate and praise</p>	Make reading a positive experience, even if your child struggles with it, by celebrating what they read, praising their success and rewarding their reading (with another book of course!)