

MOAT FARM'S TOP TIPS FOR READING

"Books transform children's lives - they can open windows onto new worlds, widen their horizons or even just make them laugh themselves silly! Reading for pleasure can give children the key they need to unlock their dreams." Christopher Edge



- 1. Make time to read-** reading should be a relaxing and enjoyable time, free from pressure.
- 2. Exhibit a love of reading-** when your children observe that you love to read, they're more likely to develop a love of reading themselves.
- 3. A special reading space-** sometimes this is all the encouragement your child needs to settle down and spend time with a good book!
- 4. No book is off limits-** fiction books are fabulous, but also consider: joke books, cookbooks, how-to books, graphic novels, biographies even children's magazines. The list is endless!
- 5. Access to books-** use your public library. Create a home library. Keep books accessible. Borrow books from family and friends. Do a book swap.
- 6. Which book –** let children choose a variety of high-quality books that appeals to their age and interests. Of course, you could always suggest your own favourite books too.
- 7. Reward reading-** give praise, encouragement and support whenever your child reads or picks up a book.

And don't abandon read-aloud time when your children get older—no one is too old for a great read-aloud.