

Reading every day with your child

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

Bookstart knows that you are incredibly busy. However, spending a few minutes every day with your child sharing books, stories and rhymes can make such a difference to how they learn and grow.

- Your Bookstart Treasure Gift is a fun gift for you and your child. We hope that you enjoy the books in the bag together.

- Have fun sharing stories, books and rhymes every day and give your child the confidence to become a reader.

- You are your child's first and most important teacher. Children need stories, books and rhymes as an essential part of their development so it's important to include them in your daily routine.

- Everyone in the family can join in: dads, mums, brothers, sisters, aunties, uncles and grandparents.

- Having a child can be tiring and demanding. Your Bookstart Treasure Pack gives you the chance to escape from the everyday and make time for smiles, laughter and love. Books, stories and rhymes are magical and will help you get to know your child, and have fun together.

- Sharing books, talking about the pictures and cuddling up close together will help you to build a strong and loving relationship with your child.

- Your child will love to hear the books in their Treasure Gift over and over again. That is how they learn new words and make sense of the story. It is also a good idea to join the library so they can choose books for themselves, and libraries are free to join from birth.



'The gift of reading and storytelling is priceless, and the Bookstart projects helps parents pass it on to their children.'

Author, Jenn Ashworth