

This week in 'How Can I Assist My Child's Learning?' we place the spotlight on **READING**:

### **Top 6 tips to help children enjoy reading**

Reading should be fun. We asked experts and authors what you can do to help turn your kids into little bookworms.

1. **Make books a part of family life** – Always have books around at home. That way you and your children are ready to get reading, even if it is only for ten minutes. Make reading part of your daily routine. Bedtime, waiting for siblings at sport, everywhere!
2. **Join your local library/use the school library** – They will be able to get their hands on hundreds of fantastic books. Let them choose what they want to read to help them develop their own interests.
3. **Read about something they are interested in** – Help your child find the right book for them. It doesn't matter if it's fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction. Reading is reading and it is all worthwhile.
5. **Get comfortable!** – Snuggle up together somewhere warm and cosy, whether it's in bed, on a beanbag or on the sofa. Make sure your child has somewhere comfy to read on their own too.
6. **Ask questions** – To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read. Start with "What happened last time?", "Who is your favourite character?" and "What do you think will happen next?"