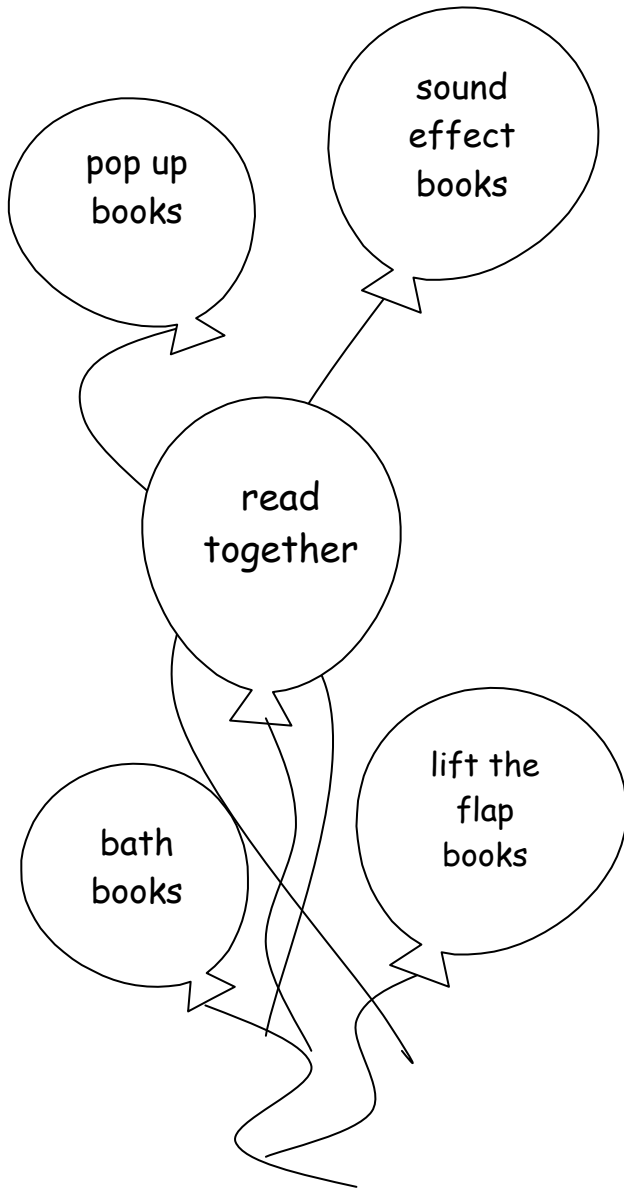


**Make it
fun!!!**



**It's fun
to learn**



to read

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When should your child start to read?

It's never too early to start.

Your baby will love looking at picture books with you and listening to the sound of your voice. Very young children especially love pop-up or flap books and books with a surprise.

Toddlers love rhyme and repetition and soon learn stories which they want to hear again and again.

They will join in with their favourite part and you can help them match the words they know with the words on the page.

Some Suggestions

Find a special time to read together.

Little and often is best—when you are both in the mood. Be comfortable and cosy and try not to be disturbed.



Talk about the book together:- look at the cover, talk about who wrote the book and what it might be about.

Point out the difference between pictures and words on the page.

Share their interests by talking to them about books they choose.

Children sometimes like to look at books on their own. Keep some handy in the toy box and around the house.



Above all, praise their efforts even if it is only holding the book the right way up.