



STORY.



Storytelling builds nurturing relationships, stimulates brain growth and encourages language skills.

Bubs who have someone share stories with them every day when they are very young learn to speak, read and write more easily.

Sharing stories can be lots of fun and introduces children to new words and sounds. It's never too early to start!

SNUGGLE UP.

Hold your bub or position yourself close, so that they can see your face and the book.

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD.

You don't have to read the words. Talk about the pictures, ask questions and imagine together. Read bub's favourites often.

SHARE STORIES IN LANGUAGE.

Read and tell stories in language. This strengthens literacy development, confidence, identity and sense of belonging.

HAVE FUN.

Use different voices and facial expressions, change the tone as you read or share stories – be playful!

VISIT THE LIBRARY.

The library is free to join! Spend time choosing books to read together or join a Storytime session.

Learn more at shapingdeadlyminds.org.au

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