

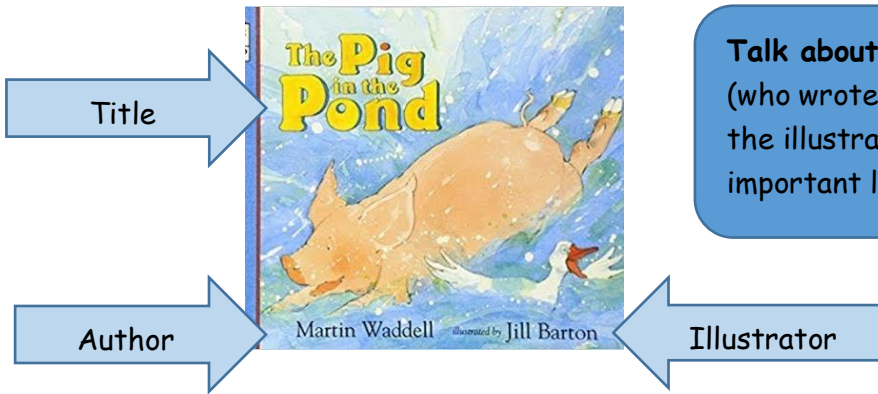
## Top Tips when Reading to Children



**Encourage** children to look at the cover and talk about what they see.

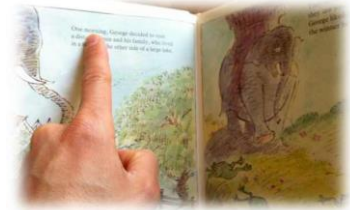
Great question!

What could this book be about?



**Talk about** the title of the book, the author (who wrote it) and the illustrator (who drew the illustrations/pictures) as this is all important learning for your child.

**Point** to the words as you read them. This will help the children to understand that the print means something and shows them that, in English we read from left to right



Great questions!

What might happen next?  
Why?



**Stop** occasionally as you read the book to ask questions or encourage your child to chat about what they have heard or comment on what they are seeing,

**Ask** different questions about the pictures/illustrations. Ask about the characters in the picture and what they are doing or get the children to count different things in the picture

How many people?  
How many animals?  
How many altogether?



Where are they going?  
Why?

Talk lots about the book when you have read it and get the children to do as well!

Try starting with...  
Tell me about...  
Show me...



Re reading books is really valuable! By re reading books together, children will become more familiar with the story and join in with more.



Great questions!  
Who was in the story?  
What did they do?  
What did they say?

Retell the story - encourage children to retell the story in their own words. Start them off by telling the story yourself, using the pictures on the first few pages.

They could even go onto make up their own stories - maybe using the same characters or just using their own ideas.



Great questions!

How did the [little boy] feel when that happened?

What did the [lion] say when he was angry?



Interact with the story as much as possible. If there are animals in it can they make the noises that the animals make? If there are feelings expressed can the children show that feeling to a happy/sad/excited/scared face?

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