

## Reading Books Wanted;

The first word revealed to Prophet Muhammad (salalahu alaihi wa salam) was 'read'. Reading is important for babies and young children. Sharing stories, talking and singing every day helps your child's development in many ways. Reading and sharing stories can help your child get to know sounds, words and language, and develop early literacy skills, learn to value books and stories, spark your child's imagination and stimulate curiosity, help develop your child's brain, ability to focus, concentration, social skills and communication skills, help your child learn the difference between 'real' and 'make-believe', help your child understand new or frightening events, and the strong emotions that come with them, help your child learn about the world, their own culture and other cultures. Sharing stories with your child doesn't mean you have to read from the book. Just by looking at books with your child and talking about them, you can be a great storyteller and a good model for using language and books. Your child will learn by watching you hold a book the correct way and seeing how you move through the book by gently turning the pages.

Reading stories with children has benefits for grown-ups too. The special time you spend reading together promotes bonding and helps to build your relationship with your child.

With this in mind, sadly there are people in our city/locality who are not able to purchase books for their children and because of this the nursery, in collaboration with a local charity, is collecting books for children to distribute in our city. If you are able to donate books, please ensure that they are in good condition. Please circulate this amongst your friends and family. Any books you want to donate can be placed in the basket at the nursery main entrances. Books will be distributed on March 17th.

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