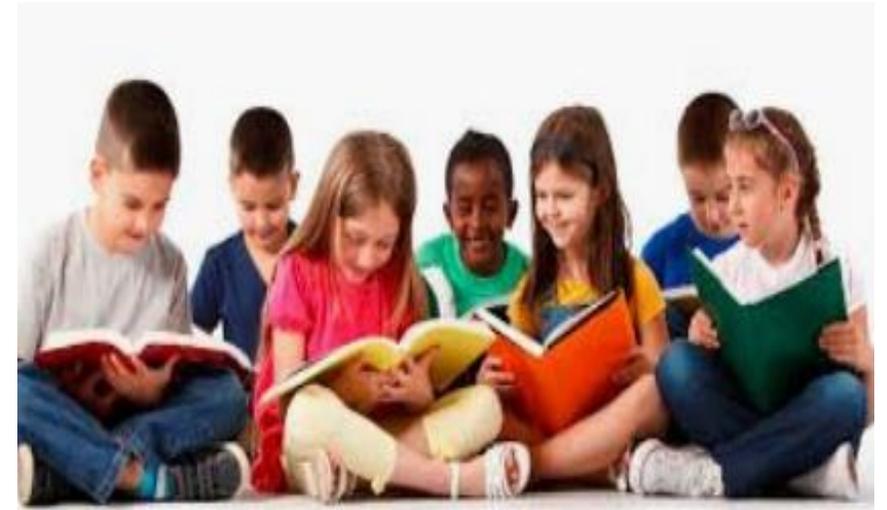


Early Reading Support and Free Resources



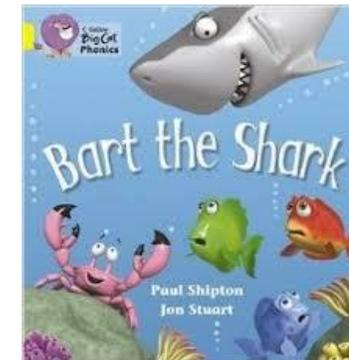
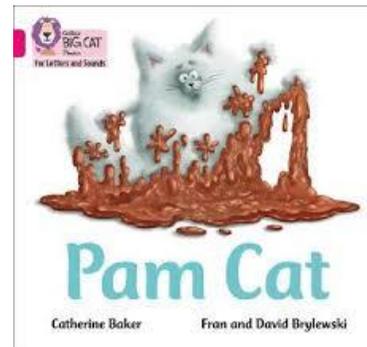
The importance of talk

Children from 'talk a lot' families have heard **33 million words** by the age of 3 and will have had **1700 hours** of stories.

Children from 'not talk a lot' families have only heard **9 million words** by the age of 3 and will have only had **25 hours** of stories.

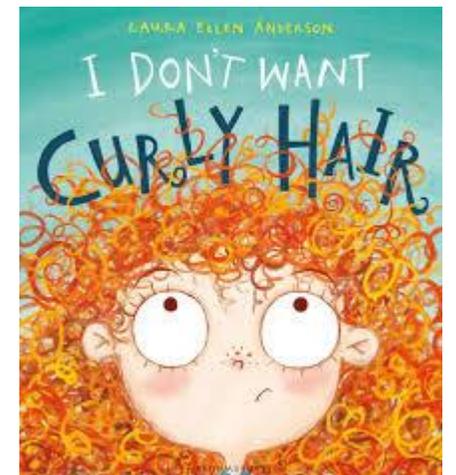
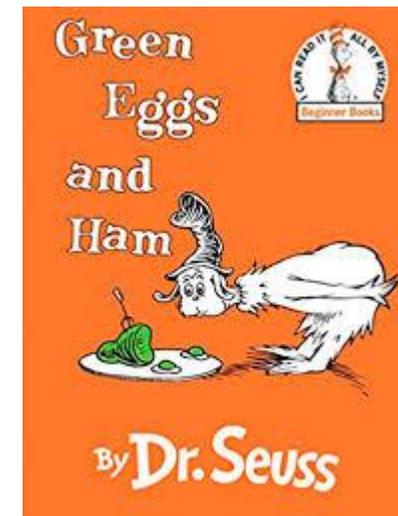
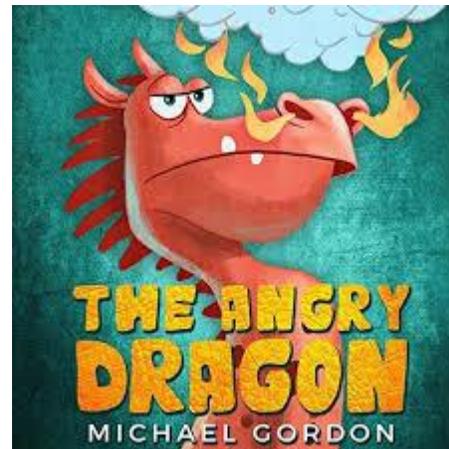
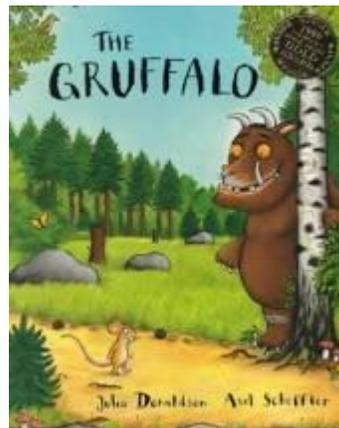
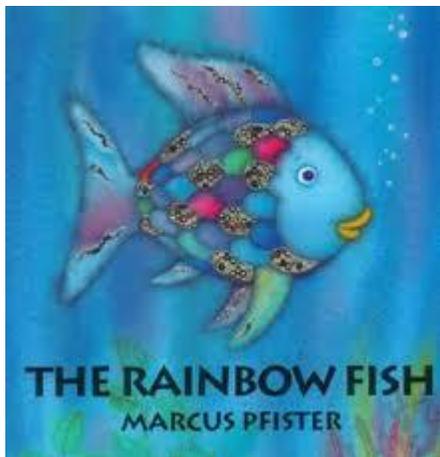
Decodable books

- * These books are closely matched to your child's phonic knowledge.
- * This will enable them to practise reading words containing letters they already know.
- * They can read this book independently to an adult.
- * Repeated reading of these books helps children to store words in their long term memory.



'Real' books

- * As well as practising with decodable books, being read to is also really important
- * It will develop a love of reading and increase their vocabulary.
- * It will give children access to more challenging texts



By reading aloud to your child every day, you are fusing the act of reading with comfort and love – you are hardwiring their brains for success.

When you read to your child you give them:

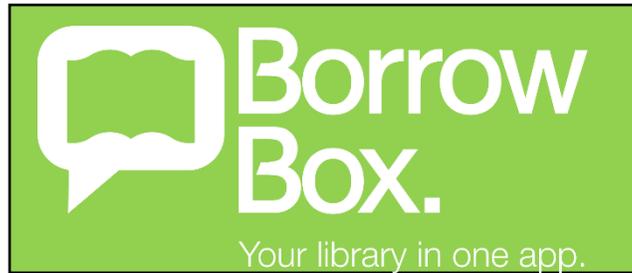
- *Your* attention
- The ability to pay attention, to focus on something shared
- Time to chat
- A breadth of vocabulary and a deeper understanding of language
- Knowledge of new places and people, real and imagined
- Knowledge of how stories work
- Understanding of analogy (ability to make comparisons)
- The ability to think ahead, hypothesize and infer what characters are thinking
- Opportunity to discuss moral issues: right from wrong
- An understand of devices like alliteration, rhyme and rhythm

Top tips when reading aloud...

- Make it feel like a treat – enjoy the time together
- Show excitement about what you are going to read
- Read the whole story/chapter without stopping too much
- Chat about the story
- Don't ask questions to test what they remember
- Link stories to experiences and other stories
- Read their favourite stories again and again
- Get them to join in with the bits they remember
- Read with enthusiasm, try out different voices

Free online books

Hold control and click to visit the websites. There are thousands of online books here!



Stories to listen to together

Hold control and click to visit the websites and listen to stories being read by authors, actors and other people!



Kids poems and stories
with Michael Rosen



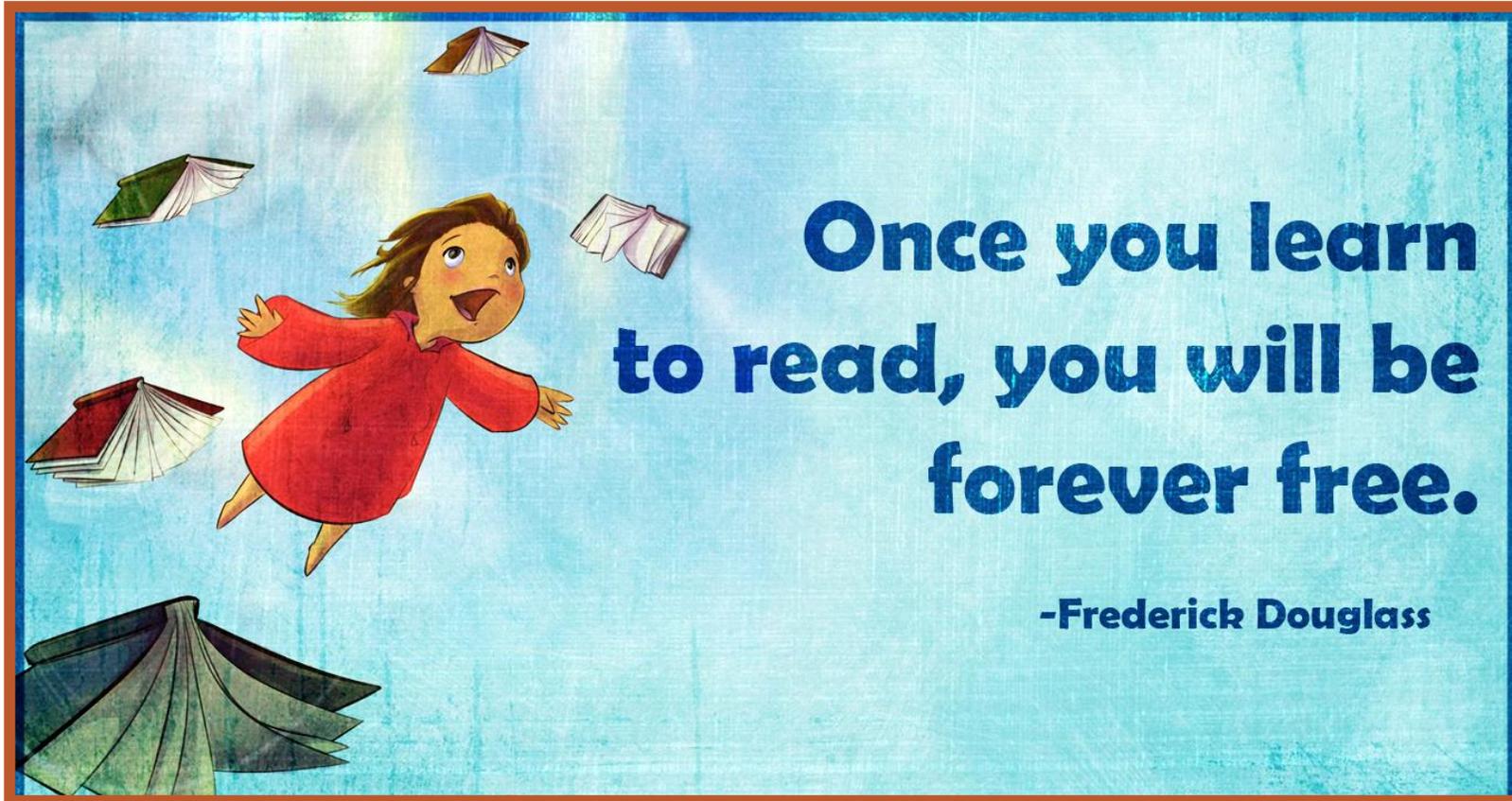
(Free to stream on Alexa)



Storytime Online



Link to other stories



**Once you learn
to read, you will be
forever free.**

-Frederick Douglass