

■ Sharing books is beginning reading



■ What we do and why we do it

'Big bear, little bear over there.'

Being close to a special adult while looking at a book makes a baby feel warm and safe. Very young babies like nursery rhyme books best. The rhythms of the rhymes and the sounds of the words soothe them and they may touch, smell and even chew the book.

Later, children will hold the book the right way up and turn the pages. They will choose favourite stories. Learning how a book works and that it is fun, is an important part of learning to read.

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