

## Games to play with your child at home

Learning to read is one of the most important things that your child will ever do. Children are learning all the time and most of their learning takes place at home. There are so many things that you, as a parent, can do to help your child become a confident reader. Children learn best when they are having fun so here are a number of games to play with your child. These do not need to be expensive and can be played using simple materials found in your home .

- **Roll a dice and find & read a word with the corresponding number of letters in your favourite story book.**
- **Word hunt** -Let them highlight common words in a newspaper eg find 'the'
- **How many words** can they make from big words such as hippopotamus?
- **Hunt the word** - write some common words or words from their reading book onto scraps of paper. Hide them. Your child wins them if they can find and read them!
- **Noughts and crosses** - Write words or sounds onto bits of paper. Put them upside down. If your child reads one correctly, they can put in an x in the grid. Now it's your turn.
- **Snap** - write some common words onto card. Each one will need to be written 4 times. Play snap!
- **Pairs** - as above. Match common words or words from their reading book.
- **Magnetic fridge letters** - great for making words and playing games.

