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- Allow your child to be independent, collecting their own book bag, opening and turning pages.
- Book talk: don't feel you have to read a book straight away. Take time to look at the pictures, chat about what it might be about, identify any words they might not know the meaning of. Chat about what could happen and discuss the characters. Is it fiction or non-fiction, how do we know?
- Encourage your child to use a range of strategies, not just phonics! Reading on, use the pictures, does it sound right?
- If your child gets stuck give them 6 seconds to see if they can work it out. If they can't, don't worry, tell them and carry on.
- Praise them for certain parts at the end. Eg. "I really liked the way you re-read that sentence."
- Prompt them afterwards. Tell them what they need to remember for next time. Eg. I think you could use your story voice/expression better for this part.
- Ask questions about what your child has read to develop understanding.