Ideas to help create a reading culture with your children:

- **Every night**: read a story at bedtime.
- **Every dinner time**: ask your kids what they’re reading, and why they like it, or suggest ways they might find a book they like more.
- **Once a week**: share a household chore like unpacking the dishwasher or tidying bedroom: one person works while someone reads to them.
- **Once a week**: visit the library together and hunt for books you might like to read. (You don’t have to read them all!)
- **Every weekend**: share what you’re reading with your children. Share an item in a newspaper or magazine (e.g. a happy story), or a text from a friend, or an online article.
- **Every weekend**: find a new way to share a book or a poem or a story. Get Granma to Skype reading a story. Blu Tack up poem in the loo. Read the dog a bedtime story. Tell your children a funny story about your childhood, or their grandparents.
- **Every week**: lend a friend a book you love.
- **Every month**: give a book (a second hand one you no longer want, or a new one) to a charity or school or library.

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