**Reading**

**Early Learning Centre**

Children are encouraged to be intellectually inquisitive, by developing the following skills:

- Holds a book, turns pages and relates stories or information as if reading the words

- Takes part in discussions about books

- Uses pictures and some letter clues to tell what may happen next when reading

- Understands that symbols are a powerful means of communication and that ideas, thoughts and concepts can be represented through them
  - Recognises everyday symbols, signs, some letters of the alphabet

- Recognises own name

- Is beginning to verbalise some sounds of the letters in own name
  (see phonological awareness)

- Recognises the difference between letters and numerals

- Uses visual and directional cues to discriminate differences between written shapes