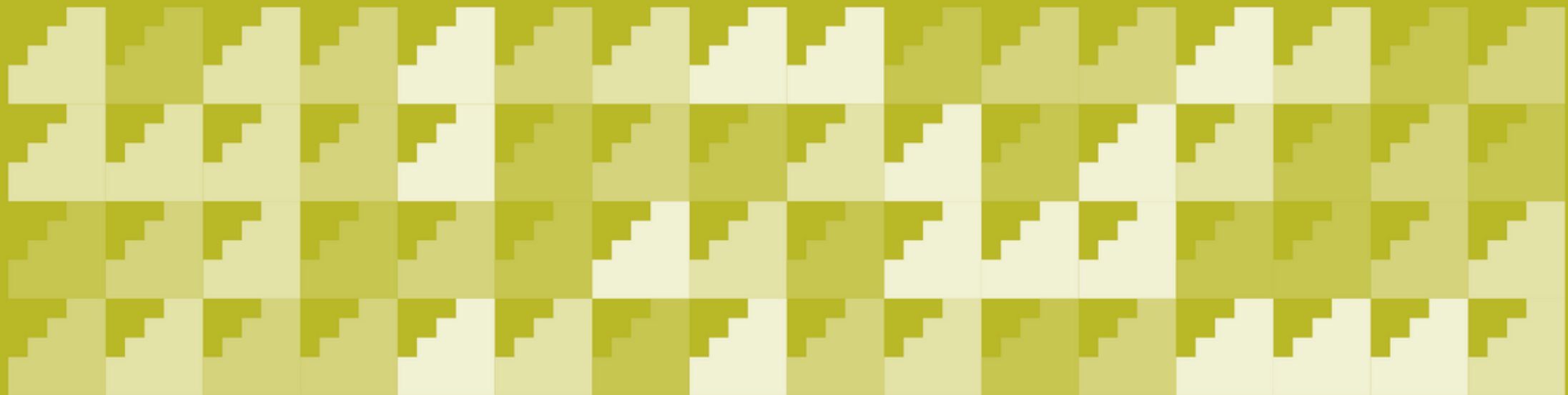


GREATER MANCHESTER (GM) TOP TIPS FOR SHARING BOOKS

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1

Read to me when I'm in your tummy.

- It's never too early to start sharing books with me.
- Even when I am in your tummy, I love hearing your voice.




2

Continue reading to me as soon as I am born.

- You don't even need to read the words. Just talking about the pictures is great too.
- Just a few minutes every day makes a big difference.
- **[How To Make The Most of Picture Books with Young Babies - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)**



A photograph of a man with glasses and a beard reading a book to a young girl. The man is pointing at the book, and the girl is smiling. The background is a soft-focus indoor setting.

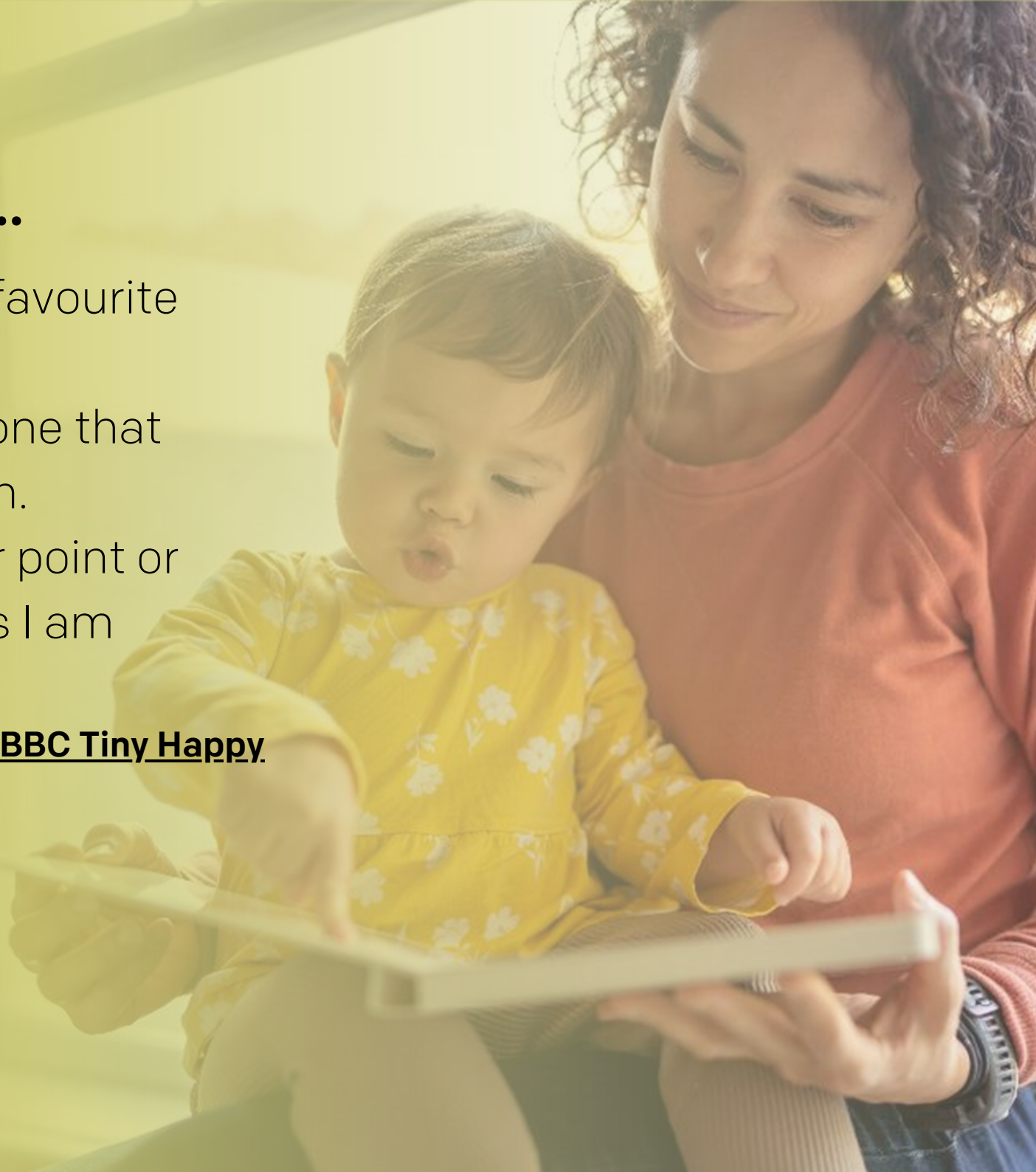
3 Let's make special time for sharing books and stories.

- I love to snuggle and share stories with you and other special people.
- It makes us both feel happy, relaxed, and close.
- It's a good idea to turn off the TV and put away your phone. I love this quiet time with you.
- Sharing a book at bedtime can help me sleep better.
- We can share books anywhere, e.g. on the bus, in the park or even at bath time!
- **Sharing books with toddler - BBC Tiny Happy People**



4 Let me choose...

- Let me choose my own favourite book.
- If am very little, choose one that makes me smile or laugh.
- If I look at the pictures or point or touch the book, it means I am enjoying it.
- **Snuggle up and choose a book - BBC Tiny Happy People**



5

Follow my lead.

- Hold the book so we can both see it and give me time to turn the pages myself.
- I don't always want to look at every page in order. This is OK too.
- Sometimes I might want to tell you the story to practise using my words.
- **[Sharing children's picture books: How to share books for toddler development - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)**



6

Talk to me about what we can see.

- I love it when we talk about the things I can see in the pictures.
- Let's talk about how people in the story are feeling. This helps me to learn the words for feelings and emotions.
- I love listening to your voice, especially if you use funny voices.
- **Using picture books to share and retell stories - BBC Tiny Happy People**



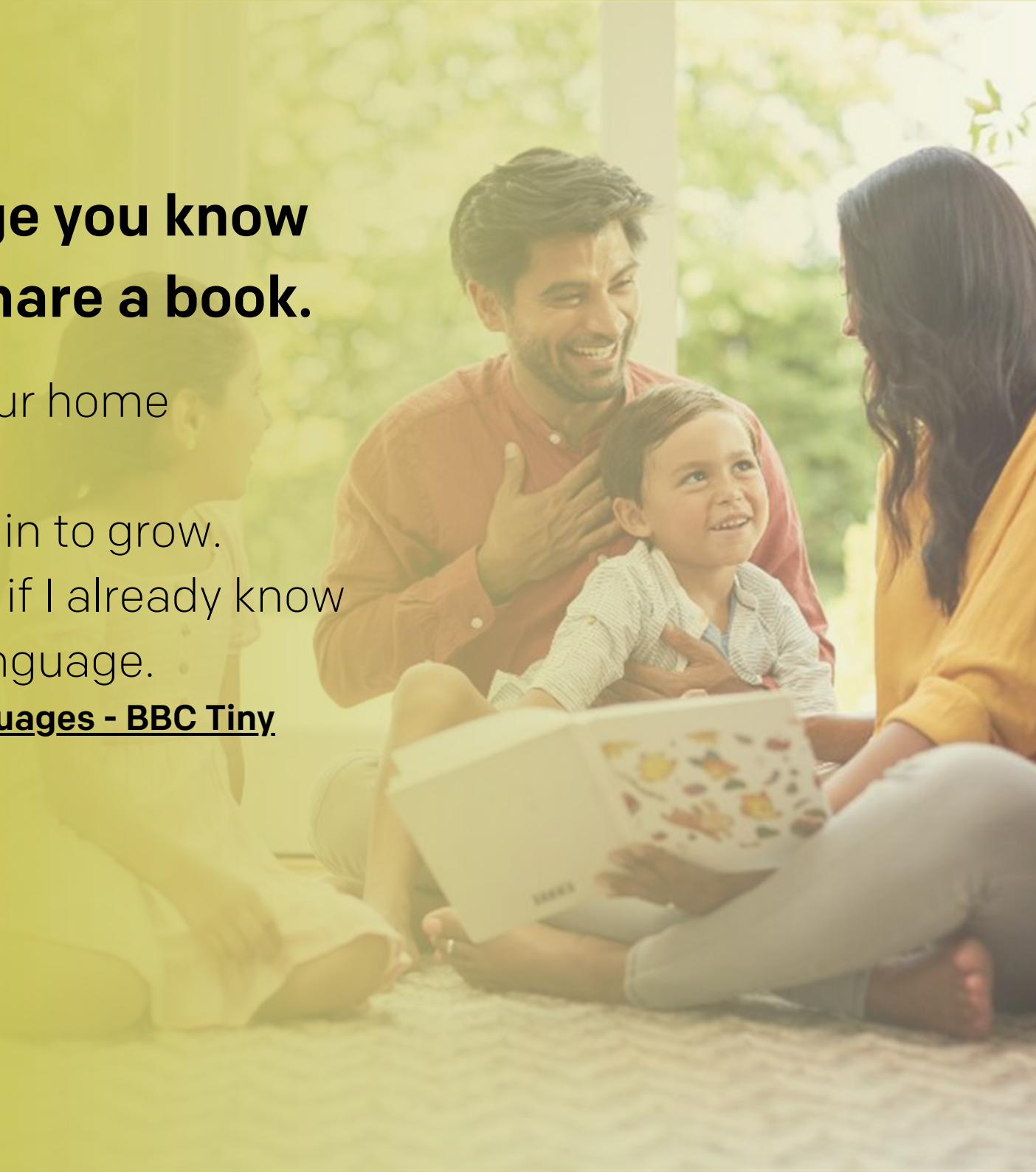
7 Repeat, repeat, repeat!

- It's OK if I want my favourite story again and again. I like it because it is familiar and it helps me to learn lots of new words.
- We can talk about our new words when we are out and about.
- Hearing and using words again and again in different places helps me learn.
- **Why does your toddler like to hear the same story over and over? - BBC Tiny Happy People**



8 Use the language you know best when we share a book.

- I love to hear you speak our home language.
- Hearing this helps my brain to grow.
- I will learn English quickly if I already know the words in our home language.
- **Switching between different languages - BBC Tiny Happy People**



9

Help me learn to love books and stories.

- We could go to the library together to choose books for both of us. It's free!
- There are books especially for me including board books and ones to touch and feel.
- Sometimes the library will have a free story time session.
- At home keep my books in a special place where I can look at them easily. A low shelf or a special box would be good.
- **[My First Library - CBeebies - BBC](#)**



10 **Share books!**

- Giving my friends books as a present helps them to love them too!

