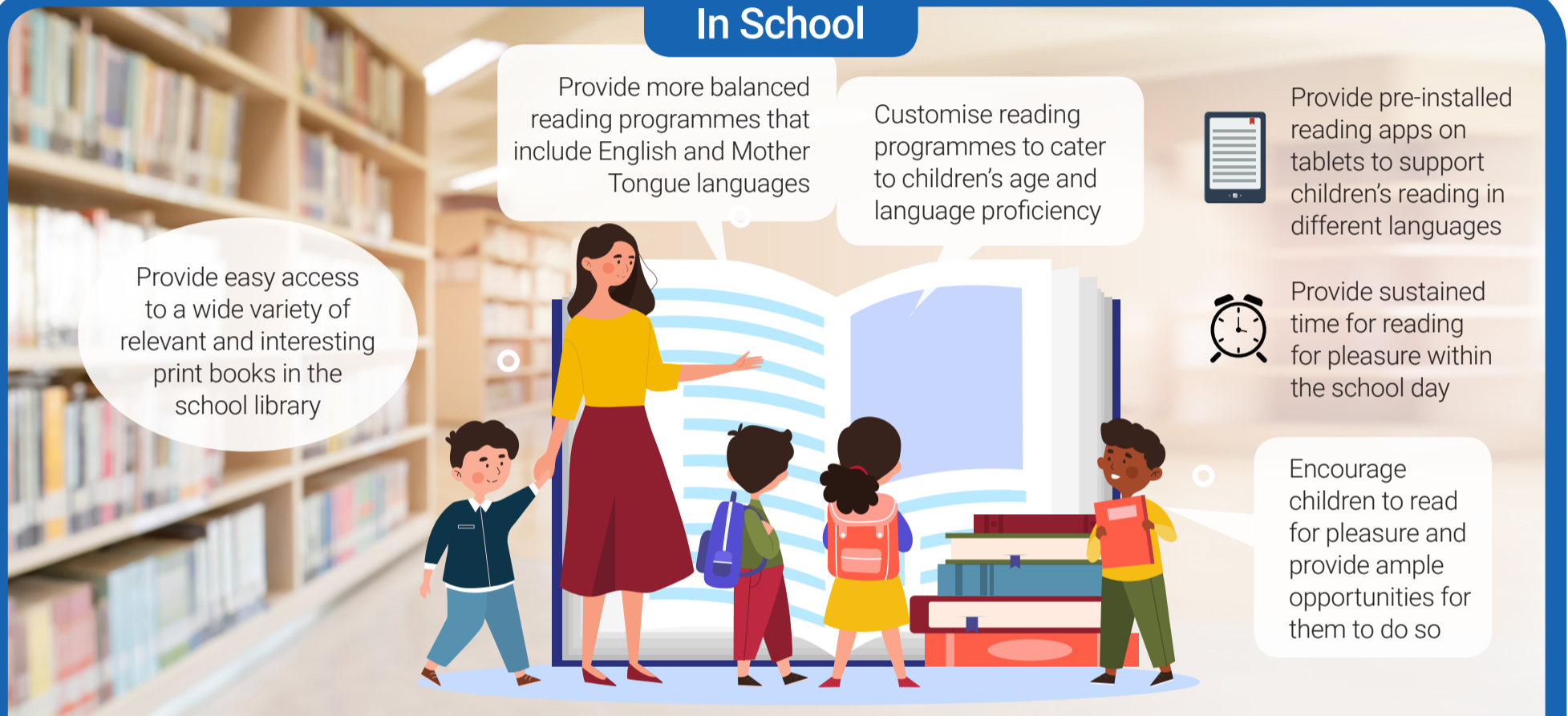


How to create a bilingual reading culture in school and at home

In the same way that it takes a village to raise a child, building a bilingual reading culture requires concerted efforts from schools, families, and communities.

In School



Provide easy access to a wide variety of relevant and interesting print books in the school library

Provide more balanced reading programmes that include English and Mother Tongue languages

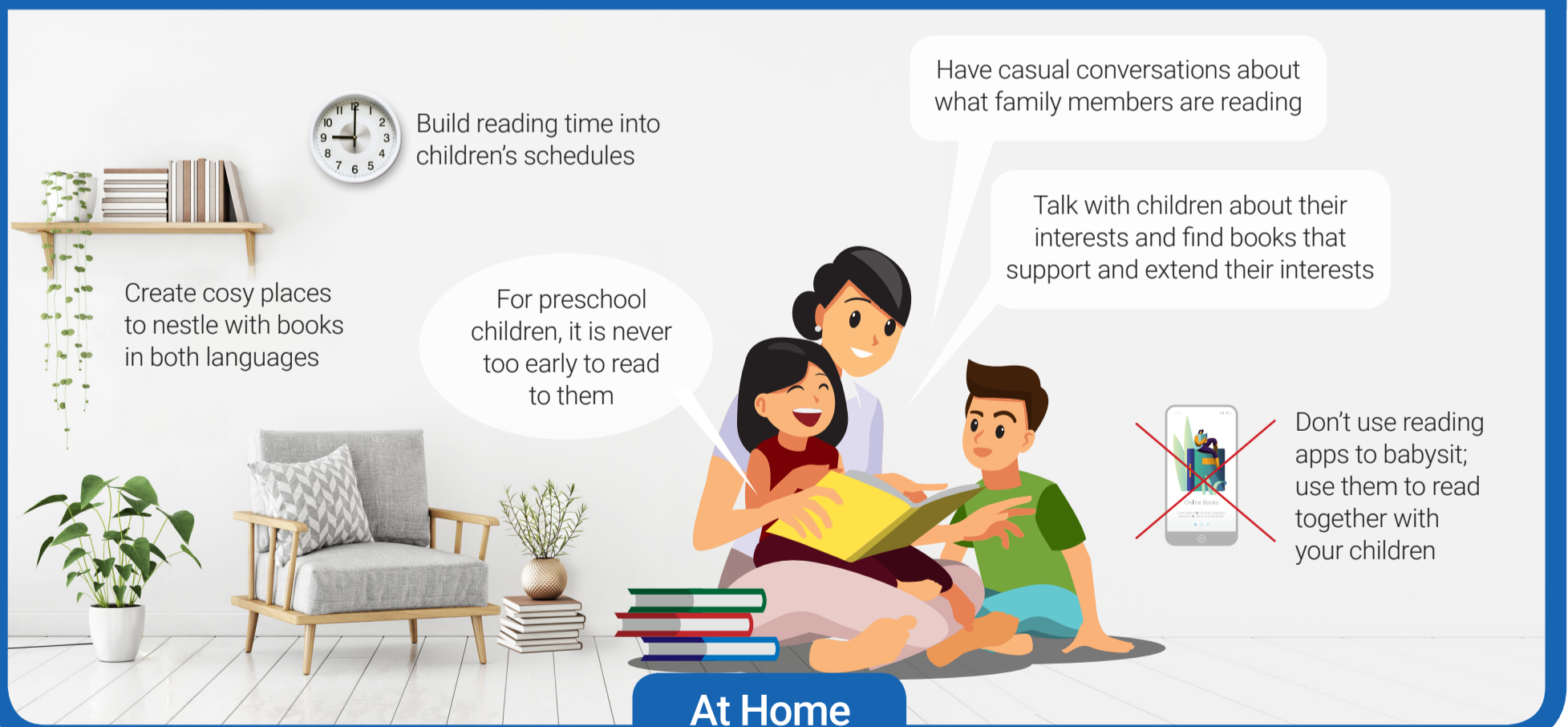
Customise reading programmes to cater to children's age and language proficiency

Provide pre-installed reading apps on tablets to support children's reading in different languages

Provide sustained time for reading for pleasure within the school day

Encourage children to read for pleasure and provide ample opportunities for them to do so

At Home



Build reading time into children's schedules

Have casual conversations about what family members are reading

Talk with children about their interests and find books that support and extend their interests

Create cosy places to nestle with books in both languages

For preschool children, it is never too early to read to them

Don't use reading apps to babysit; use them to read together with your children

These suggestions are drawn from a 2020 study of Singaporean bilingual children's reading habits in English and their Mother Tongue languages.

For more details, please refer to the full report:



You may also contact the Principal Investigator: baoqi.sun@nie.edu.sg



An Institute of

