

Ready for school

Stories to prepare your child

BLAKE, ROSE

Bob and Bunk

A story about two very different cats, Bob the indoor cat and Bunk an outdoor cat. Despite their differences they become great friends. A lovely story celebrating the individual and the various lives we lead.

CONLEY, VIKKI

On the Way to School

A rhyming text that follows the journey of children around the world and their journey to school. Whether they have to cross a river or scoot their way there, everyone is excited to go.

KINNEAR, NICOLA

Can I Play?

This story celebrates friendship. Dog lives alone on an island until Pebble the seal comes to play. A great way to discuss how friendship works with your child.

LERWILL, BEN

Let's Go Outside!

A celebration of nature through the seasons. Lots to look at in the illustrations and there are a range of questions at the end to help explore the book even further, developing language and speaking and listening skills.

MONTGOMERY, ROSS

Ten Delicious Teachers

The teachers have missed the last bus home and the monsters follow them on their journey as they disappear one by one. Great for rhythm and rhyme, counting back from 10 and for sheer enjoyment. The monsters are no match for the Nursery teacher who teaches them all how to behave!

Sharing books with your child is fun and the best start for school you could give them.

Here are just a few of the countless picture books available for you to enjoy together.

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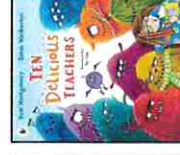
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Great books to read before starting school



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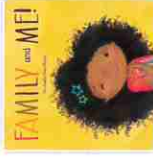
Rhythm and rhyme

Fun with words and verses

DIAS-HAYES, MICHAELA

Family and Me!

A rhyming text which celebrates a girl's heritage. A joyful book to share and will open up discussions with your own child.



LAMBERT, NANCY

Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

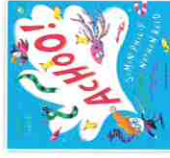
Join the jungle animals as they try to keep up with this classic rhyme. The giraffe certainly gets in a tangle - I wonder if you will too!



PHILIP, SIMON

Achoo!

Wonderfully imagined story about the consequences of not having good manners. Sid forgets to cover his nose when he sneezes and so his adventure begins. Watch out for the ending - you might want to take cover!



ROBINSON, MICHELLE

When Ice Cream Had a Meltdown

A perfect summer read. Ice Cream can't wait to be chosen and is desperate to make someone happy. But when the children choose other ice creams, she loses her cool! Luckily her friends help her to believe in herself.



WOOLFE, ANGELA

Agent Llama

Perfect for all spy lovers. The Prime Minister's pants have gone missing, and Agent Llama is tasked with their return. She must use all her cunning and gadgets to free herself from the dastardly villains. The rhyming text will have all readers hooked until the last moment to see if she succeeds.



Fabulous tales

Stories to stir the imagination

CONDON, JOHN

The Best Bear Tracker

A child has lost their teddy bear and sets off into the woods to track their bear down. A fun story, told with lots of 'Bear Tracker Rules' and maybe you'll spot some real bears along the way.



NICOLL, TOM

There's Nothing Faster Than a Cheetah

A madcap race full of animals, vehicles, laughs and alliteration! Will the Cheetah manage to cross the line first? No peeking, but expect to laugh out loud at the ending!



SANDERS, ANDREW

Where Has All The Cake Gone?

All the cake is missing and a little boy claims it was eaten by hungry penguins. A tale too strange to believe, or could he be telling the truth? A tall tale that may just be true.



SENIOR, SUZY

How to Spot a Dinosaur

Two friends spend a day hunting dinosaurs. They have a helpful handbook, but each time they think they have found one it is something else. Will they ever find any dinosaurs? A rhythmic story that all young dinosaur enthusiasts will enjoy.



SHIREEN, NADIA

Billy and the Pirates

Billy is back in another adventure and this time she is taking on the pirates. Great fun and lots of quick thinking save the day as Billy solves the mystery of the key in the bottle.



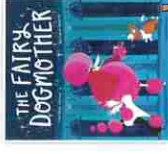
Stories for sharing

Bedtime, lunchtime, anytime!

CROWE, CAROLINE

The Fairy Dogmother

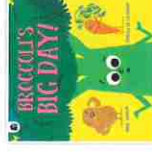
A canine twist on the classic fairy-tale Cinderella. Cinders the dog has a visit from his Fairy Dogmother. He doesn't know what to wish for so asks all his friends in the dog shelter what they would wish for. A touching tale about finding a forever family.



HENSON, MIKE

Broccoli's Big Day!

It's the Annual Vegetable Awards and the vegetables gather to say how amazing they are and why they should win. Broccoli doesn't feel brave or amazing, but it turns out that she is very special after all. A fun story full of self-awareness, resilience and why everyone is special in their own way.



NEWSON, KARL

I'll Be There

This picture book celebrates the support and love baby animals and people alike will always have from their grown-ups.



TAYLOR, SEAN

Monster! Thirsty! Drink!

Monster is thirsty and all out of water, follow his desperate search for refreshment. A funny story that is great to share and read aloud.



THOMPSON, KATE

Superheroes Always Fight Back... Or Do They?

Arthur dreams of becoming a superhero to fight the baddies. But his Grandpa explains that superheroes don't just fight but also help and support baddies. A story that shows our kindness is our superpower.

