

Ready for school

Stories to prepare your child

ANTONY, STEVE

Wash Your Hands, Mr Panda
From the popular 'Mr Panda' series, a tale talking about the importance of good hygiene practices. A fun reminder for children as they start school.



AYTO, RUSSELL

Will you be my Friend?
A sweet tale about Bush Baby who is looking for someone to be her friend, but all the animals turn her down. Until Lion comes along and a friendship blossoms. A good story to share with anyone worried about making friends.



BROWNLOW, MIKE

Ten Little Unicorns
Follow the counting adventure of ten little unicorns as they hunt for the missing royal cake. A fun story that rhymes throughout and is great to read out loud.



GRAY, KES

Oi Aardvark!
Another in this popular series and this time they are working through the alphabet using new animals. Lots of great word play, flaps and even Cat is surprised by the ending.



HUSSAIN, NADIYA

Spreading my Wings
A boy and his pet budgie, Rayf, are off to holiday club. When he arrives he realises he's the only one with a pet and worries about being different, but by the end of the day everyone loves his budgie. A great story about being proud of who you are.



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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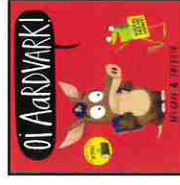
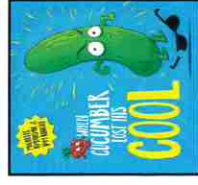
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Great books to read before starting school



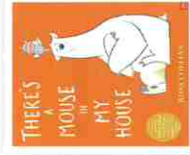
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Rhythm and rhyme

Fun with words and verses

COLLINS, ROSS

There's a Mouse in my House
A funny rhythmic read about a bear who does not like his new house guest, a mouse. Causing chaos, Bear wants him to leave, but will Mouse change his mind?



LEWIS JONES, HUW

Croc O'Clock
It's feeding time at the zoo and Crocodile is hungry. A fun book to read aloud, with rhythm, repetition, and counting, all set to a familiar tune. Will Croc ever stop eating?



MILLETT, PETER

The Dinos on the Bus
A twist on the popular nursery rhyme 'Wheels on the Bus' featuring dinosaurs instead. Dinosaur obsessed children will love singing along to this book.



SANDALL, ELLIE

Balancing Bernie
Bernie loves to balance things on his nose. One day another dog asks Bernie to balance him, and then more and more doggies of all shapes and sizes come along. This story bounces along with a great rhythm to share aloud.



WHAITE, MICHAEL

100 Birds
A firm favourite for every bird lover. The lovely illustrations depict all different kinds of birds packed into its pages. Great descriptions of the birds - I wonder which one is your favourite?



Fabulous tales

Stories to stir the imagination

BLACKMAN, MALORIE

We're Going to Find the Monster!
Written in a similar vein to We're Going on a Bear Hunt, but this time two children are off to wake their older sibling for breakfast. It shows how every house can be a home for adventure when your imagination is sparked. Perfect for reading many times!



HALLS, SMRITI

Not That Pet!
Mabel is trying to find her family the perfect pet but it is far harder than she realised! A wonderful rhyming text which would be great to share. Which animal would make your perfect pet?



HENDRA, SUE

I Spy Island
Vibrant illustrations bring this story of friendship to life, all set on a desert island. Another winner from this successful author and illustrator duo.



MURRAY, LILY

That Dinosaur Has Talent!
A wonderful story about overcoming shyness and being able to discover your talent through friendship. Great for all dinosaur lovers.



TAYLOR, SEAN

Monster! Hungry! Phone!
This story will make you giggle, as the hungry monster rings various wrong numbers in his effort to get food. Will he ever get through to the right person? Great to read out loud, a monster voice is essential.



Stories for sharing

Bedtime, lunchtime, anytime!

CRANE, REBECCA

Barkley
Barkley is a dog, but what kind of dog? Barkley doesn't know until one day he discovers why he is so special and to who. This story explains why we are all unique in our own way, including our pets.



DALE, ELIZABETH

Mix-up Monday
The farm animals play a trick on their tired farmer by pretending to be each other. Children can join in with all the different animal noises.



KINNEAR, NICOLA

Dragons Don't Share
Ruby follows all the rules in her Dragon Rules Book; to steal and not to share with anyone. Until one day her rule book goes missing and the animals around her come up with a plan to change the rules.



RAYNER, CATHERINE

Arlo The Lion Who Couldn't Sleep
It seems even lions have trouble going to sleep. Luckily, Owl has a brilliant rhyme which helps everyone at bedtime. A perfect calming story for sleepyheads!



ROBINSON, MICHELLE

When Cucumber Lost His Cool
This story and illustrations will have you laughing out loud together. Your visit to the veggie aisle at the supermarket will never be the same again. The rhyming text will have everyone joining in.

