



The Books That I Love ...

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Booktrust believes that books and reading can change lives, so we are delighted that NICMA have put together this wonderful resource to encourage shared reading in the home. Like NICMA, our priorities are to work with children and families because this is where the greatest impact can be made.

We know that books can bring lasting benefits, help bond families and increase life chances through education. Research tells us the children who are read to every day can be up to a year ahead of their peers by the time they start school. Above all reading is an enjoyable activity for all ages and we hope that you find our tips and resources helpful.

Booktrust Top Tips:

Make books fun and special - The secret to storytelling is to make it fun. When you share a book you're doing something very special, and for those few minutes the outside world stops while you read about elephants or pirates or aliens.

So remember to:

- Turn off the television or anything that will distract you.
- Choose a book that you think you can talk about for five minutes and that you will all enjoy.
- Make a cosy spot – a couple of cushions on the floor will do.

Be brave and put on silly voices or animal noises.

Don't be nervous about using a silly voice as it is just you and the children. There's no one to judge or point out wrong words or missed pages – although if it's a book you've read before, your children might tell you! Children love spending time with the grown-ups in their lives. They are not critical or judgemental; they just appreciate sharing that time and experience.

Free Resources:

Visit the Bookstart website for more top tips and expert advice. You will find videos on using puppets, Sharing Stories and Maia's Reading Journey.

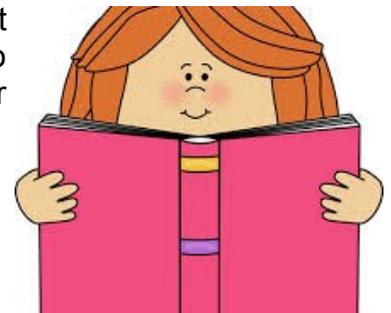
<http://www.bookstart.org.uk/books/sharing-books/tips/>

Talk about the pictures

Talk about the pictures - Stories help children learn about the world and themselves, but also about language and how stories and books work. When we talk to children about the pictures in books, we're giving them the chance to ask questions and make connections with the world. Sharing books is not about 'teaching them to read' – it's about discovering that

books are exciting and fun. It feeds their imagination and interests so that when the time comes to learn, they are eager to read stories for themselves.

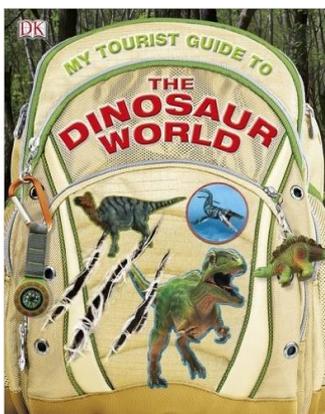
Choose books that suit your child's interests. Whether they love comics, football, pets or dancing there are hundreds of books that will capture their imagination. The Booktrust Bookfinder is the perfect way to find books to suit babies, children, teens and adult's interests and abilities. Choose your books and print off the list. <http://www.booktrust.org.uk/resources/#/d/books/bookfinder/>



Read below some **NEW Book Reviews from NICMA Childminders**

My Tourist Guide to the Dinosaur World

Author: **DK DK**



I like learning about dinosaurs. This book is good because there is a 'Need to Know' short fact section on each type of dinosaur which tells you things like size, location, time and diet. The pictures are good too.

By: **Joel Cust aged 6 years**

Childminder: **Karen Hanna, Ballinderry**



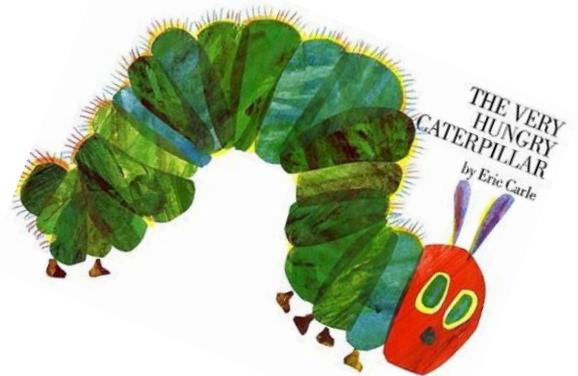
The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Author: Eric Carle

We like this book because we can read it ourselves. The pictures help us tell the story.

By: Kirsten and Kai aged 3 years

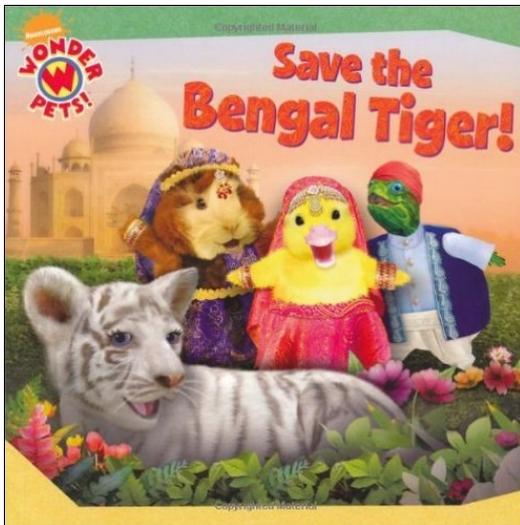
Childminder: Karen Hanna,
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We made grass caterpillars to take home

Save the Bengal Tiger

By Nickelodeon



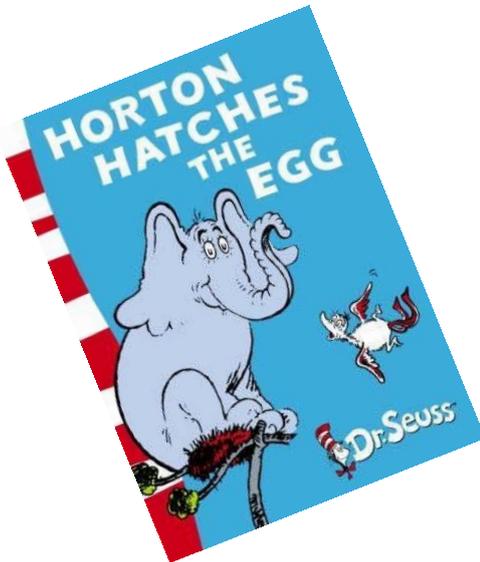
The two boys aged two and four love this book about a poor tiger with a thorn in its paw and all his friends rally round to help him. It's a rhyming book which is ever better.

Childminder; Sharon Gallagher,
Dungannon



Horton Hatches the Egg

Author: Dr Seuss



This is the story of Horton the elephant, who agrees to look after an egg for a bird who needed a “rest”

Horton is determined to face up to his responsibilities – whatever it may cost – through all types of weather and the changing of the seasons and even when his friends laughed at him he sat on the egg, then the hunters came and that takes Horton on a new adventure involving

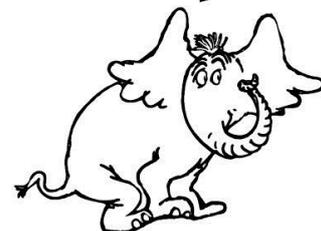
sailing the sea, going to a different country and being sold to the circus, while the bird stayed away on “holiday”

Discover how Horton gets his happy ever after, through a blend of rhyme, rhythm and repetition this is a great book for all ages, my kids love it.

“I like it because Horton had to sit on an egg and Mayzie was all grumpy at the end”



**I meant what I said,
and I said what I meant.
An elephant's faithful,
one hundred percent!**

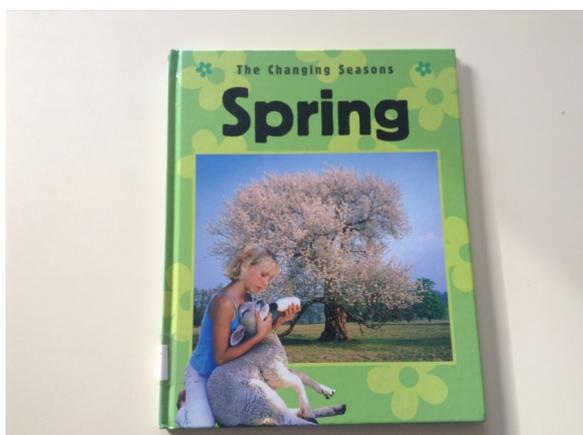


By: Erin age 6

Childminder: Grainne Scullion, Coalisland

The Changing Seasons

Author: Paul Humphrey



This is part of a series of The Changing Seasons. It is written by Paul Humphrey. As a childminder I love these books because they look at how plants, animals and people change and adapt to the different seasons. The pre-schoolers enjoyed looking for signs of spring in

the garden. Older children will enjoy the Spring projects which include science experiments.

Karen Hanna, Childminder, Ballinderry



Hairy McClarey books

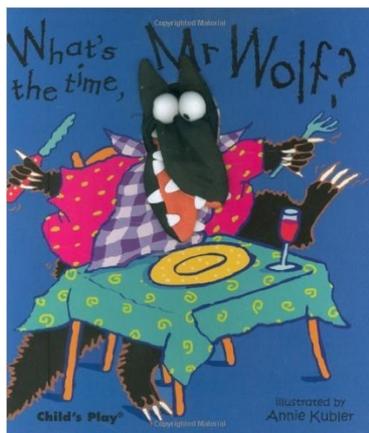
The "Hairy McClarey" books are all very very funny and I love the way they all rhyme so well. There are so many different characters in the books that describes all their colours and shapes very well indeed. For example - Bitzer Maloney all skinny and bony (greyhound), Muffin McLay like a bundle of hay (Old English Sheepdog), Bottomley Potts all covered in spots (Dalmation), Hercules Morse as big as a horse (Mastiff), and not forgetting Schnitzel von Krumm with his very low tum (Dachshund). I also liked the fact that all these dogs were afraid of a cat called " SCARFACE CLAW" and all the little ones roar with laughter when Fiona puts on her "SCARFACE CLAW" frightening voice ha! ha!



Fiona Farrell, Childminder,
Enniskillen

What's the time, Mr Wolf?

Author: Annie Kubler (Illustrator)



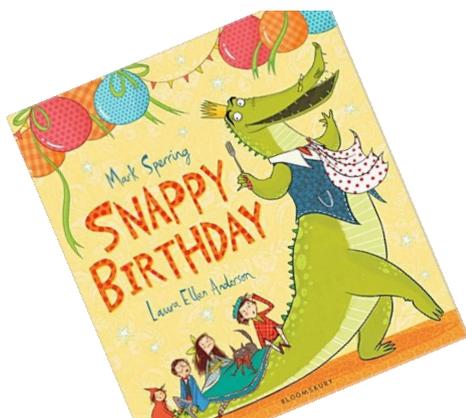
Mr Wolf is a finger puppet on each page of the book and the children have a lot of fun putting their fingers into it and pretending to eat each other while learning the time.



Childminder; Sharon Gallagher,
Dungannon

Snappy Birthday

Author: Mark Sperring



This is an energetic, laugh-out-loud picture book. The children receive an invitation to a birthday party next door and are very excited. However they haven't yet met their neighbour.

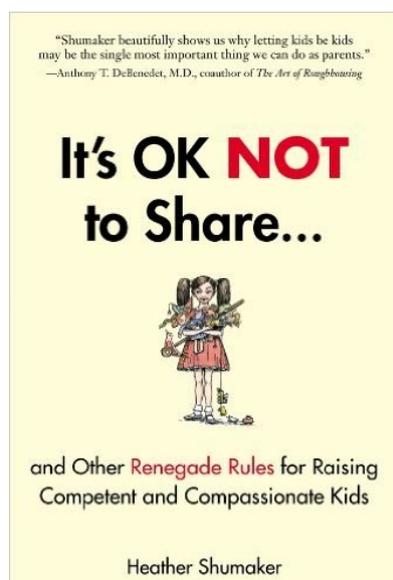
This book had rhyming text which appealed to Kai (aged 3). Charlie thought the illustrations were very good.

This book would make an excellent present for a child aged 3 to 5 years.

Childminder: Karen Hanna, Ballinderry

It's OK NOT to Share

Author: Heather Shumaker



This is a must buy book and essential read for parents and childminders. It looks at how pre-school children learn through play and challenges how we handle various situations. With rules such as "It's OK its not hurting people or property", "Kid's need conflict", "Bombs guns and bad guys allowed", "Let your kid swear", "Boys can wear tutus" you are guided through a range of situations. With each chapter heading you will raise an eyebrow but by the end of the book you will change the way you care for children in your setting. These are not new fangled ideas, they have been tried and tested since 1960s and they are as relevant today as they were then. I have implemented the ideas in my own setting and they do work.

This is an enjoyable easy to read book and I'd recommend it to all childminders irrespective of how much experience or how little experience you have working with children.

Childminder: Karen Hanna, Ballinderry