

## Ready for school

### Stories to prepare your child

#### BUTTERFIELD, MOIRA

##### Dance Like a Flamingo

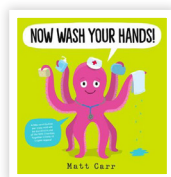
Move and groove as you find out about and copy the movements of 12 different animals from around the world. Great for developing listening and co-ordination skills.



#### CARR, MATT

##### Now Wash Your Hands!

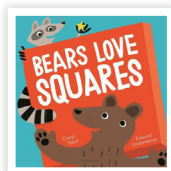
Cheerful illustrations and rhyme reinforce the message as Doctorpus Doris comes to school to talk with the animals.



#### HART, CARYL

##### Bears Love Squares

Bears love squares, but what about all the other shapes? Raccoon tries to persuade his friend Bear that other shapes can be fun too in this bouncy story.



#### HART, CARYL

##### When a Dragon Goes to School

A beautiful story about a little dragon starting school. Will he be a good dragon? This isn't always easy. The book reinforces what good behaviour at school looks like.



#### PHILIP, SIMON

##### I Have to Start at School Today

A little girl is starting school and starts to think about all the things that could go wrong. A reassuring story about the worries surrounding starting school that reminds children of all that could go right.



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.

All of these titles and many more are available for you to borrow from your local library.

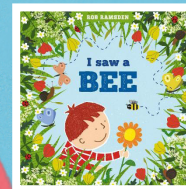
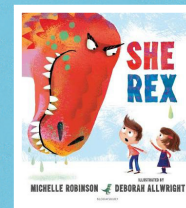
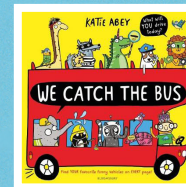
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Great books to read before starting school



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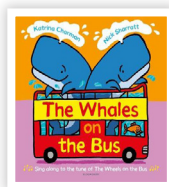
## Rhythm and rhyme

### Fun with words and verses

#### CHARMAN, KATRINA

##### The Whales on the Bus

A twist on the traditional rhyme 'The Wheels on the Bus', but with animals and different forms of transport. Perfect to read aloud and sing along to.



#### FRASER, LU

##### The Littlest Yak

Gertie, the littlest yak wants to be big like all the rest, but Gertie discovers that there are some things only a small yak can do. A joy to read aloud, the rhyming brings the story to life.



#### GIBB, DAVID

##### Too Many Bubbles

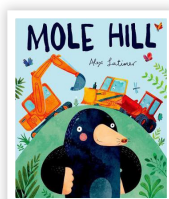
A fun, rhyming adventure, when bathtime for the dog turns into a chase through the town. Bubbles galore, with lots to spot amongst them!



#### LATIMER, ALEX

##### Mole Hill

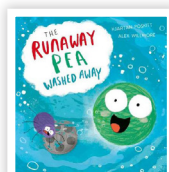
When diggers arrive to dig up Mole's home he tells a story about what they might find to scare them away. A lovely rhyming tale with a few dinosaur bones in the mix too.



#### POSKITT, KJARTAN

##### The Runaway Pea Washed Away

An hilarious tale telling the adventure Pea has when he is washed away down the plughole. He meets Spider, who keeps him out of trouble. Most would be scared but not Pea, he enjoys every minute.



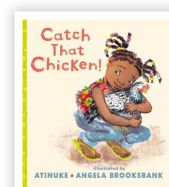
## Fabulous tales

### Stories to stir the imagination

#### ATINUKE

##### Catch That Chicken!

Lami is the best chicken catcher in the village, but after injuring herself she needs another way to catch the chickens. A vibrant story set in West Africa.



#### BENTLY, PETER

##### Octopus Shocktopus!

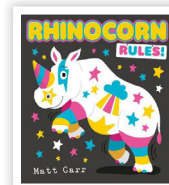
When an octopus arrives to live on their roof, the children love it but the adults take some persuading. A crazy story with bright illustrations to match.



#### CARR, MATT

##### Rhinocorn Rules!

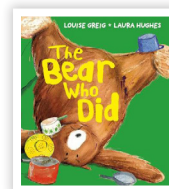
Ron the rhino doesn't want to be like all the other rhinos, so transforms himself. A positive story about being yourself and friends accepting who you are.



#### GREIG, LOUISE

##### The Bear Who Did

A story about two bears, one jar of honey and the chaos that proceeds. A funny, rhyming tale with a message about sharing.



#### ROBINSON, MICHELLE

##### She Rex

A brother doesn't let his sister play with dinosaur toys, he says they are for boys. Meet She Rex to put him right! A fun story explaining that toys are for all.



## Stories for sharing

### Bedtime, lunchtime, anytime!

#### ABEY, KATIE

##### We Catch the Bus

What will you drive? A range of different vehicles, with bright pictures to look at and an interactive question to answer on each page.



#### ALTES, MARTA

##### Five More Minutes

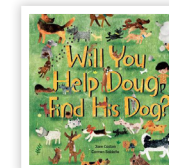
A child and his dad have different perceptions of time and what can be done in five minutes, in this celebration of parent and child relationships.



#### CASTON, JANE

##### Will You Help Doug Find His Dog?

Doug has lost his dog. Is the dog small, spotty or scruffy? Join in the search together in this interactive spotting book.



#### COBB, REBBECA

##### Hello Friend!

A girl recounts all the things that she likes to do with her friend in this beautiful story of first friendships.



#### RAMSDEN, ROB

##### I Saw a Bee

A beautiful tale of a boy and a bee in simple rhythmic text. At first afraid of the bee, the boy realises that they can be friends.

