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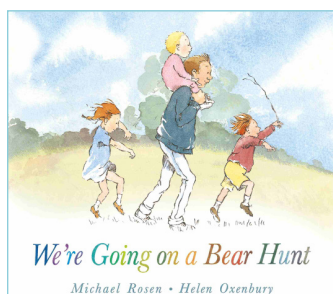
The Infants' Home's Team's Top 10 Children's Books

Reading with your child is about so much more than bedtime stories—it's a way to spark their imagination, build their language skills, and create special moments together.

We asked our educators and allied health therapists to share their top book recommendations for children to help families choose books that nurture a love of reading and learning.

Going on a Bear Hunt

Written by Michael Rosen, illustrated by Helen Oxenbury

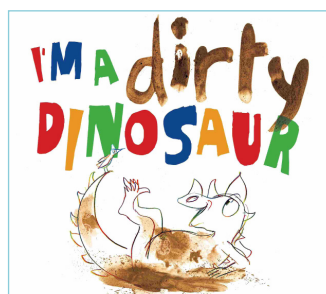


This classic book encourages children to bring the story to life through dramatic play. With its exciting and repetitive sing-song rhythm, children love acting out the story, enhancing both

imagination and language skills. A group of children from our Murray House Early Childhood Education and Care centre recently acted out this story in our outdoor classroom space.

I'm a Dirty Dinosaur

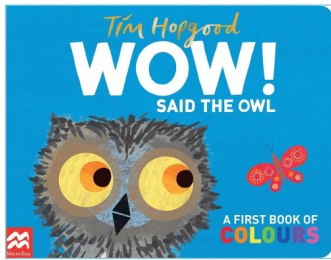
Written by Janeen Brian, illustrated by Ann James



This book features a catchy song and encourages children to copy the dinosaur's actions. The repetitive language in the book encourages children to label body parts, use verbs, and use the personal pronoun 'I'.

Wow Said the Owl

Written and illustrated by Tim Hopgood



Perfect for exploring colours and tuning into nature, this book encourages children to observe and interact with the natural environment around them.

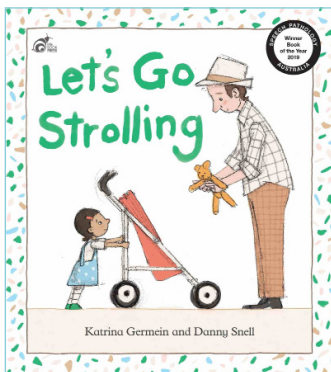
How Many Dinosaurs Is Too Many?



Written by Lou Peacock, illustrated by Nicola Slater
This book comes highly recommended by our speech therapists for its engaging storytelling that encourages children to learn new vocabulary and counting.

Let's Go Strolling

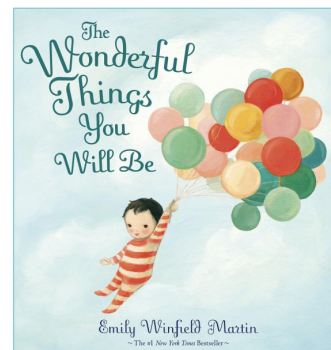
Written by Katrina Germein, illustrated by Danny Snell
(Shortlisted for Speech Pathology Book of the Year 2019)



With beautiful illustrations, this book explores a familiar everyday experience for most families—going for a walk! This read offers children opportunities to discuss and share their own experiences.

The Wonderful Things You Will Be

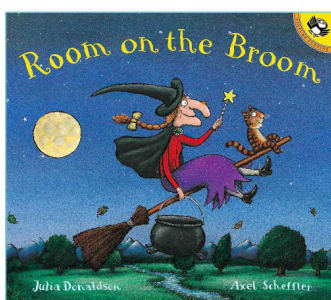
Written and illustrated by Emily Winfield Martin



Celebrating a child's potential and a parent's unconditional love, this book encourages positive self-concept and emotional development.

Room on the Broom

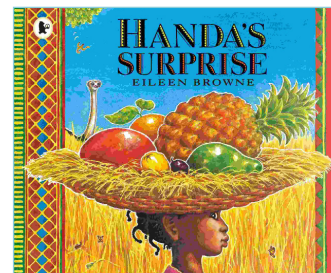
Written by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler



This fun and engaging read features repetition and engaging language. This book is perfect for extending literacy, encouraging role play and dramatic play, and provides opportunities for asking open-ended questions.

Handa's Surprise

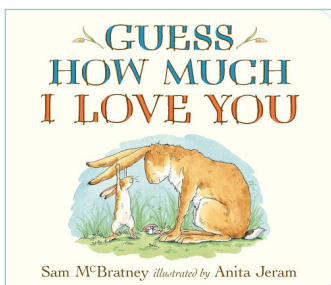
Written and illustrated by Eileen Browne



This book introduces cultural diversity while exploring concepts such as colours, shapes, and fruits. It also encourages social development through themes of friendship and sharing.

Guess How Much I Love You

Written by Sam McBratney, illustrated by Anita Jeram

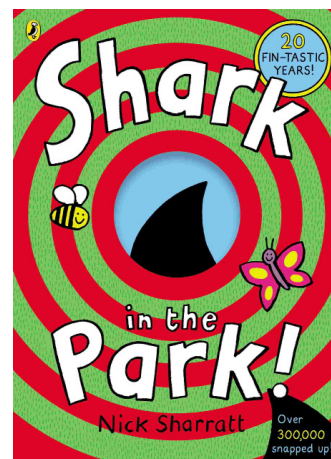


This beautiful book is often enjoyed by parents just as much as children, as it explores the theme of unconditional love between a parent and child. It is a simple, relatable story with a clear message. Its gentle

humour makes it a heartwarming read for young children and their parents.

Shark in the Park

Written and illustrated by Nick Sharratt



This interactive book uses a peep-hole design to engage children, supporting participation, prediction, and curiosity. A great read for toddlers!

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