

Topic: All About Me and Our Heritage

Below is a list of books we will be reading in class and are linked to our topics. Please choose one or two books to read at home for pleasure.

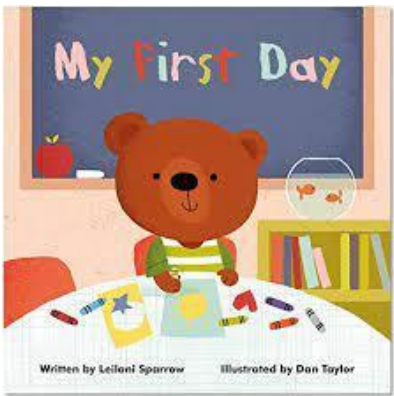
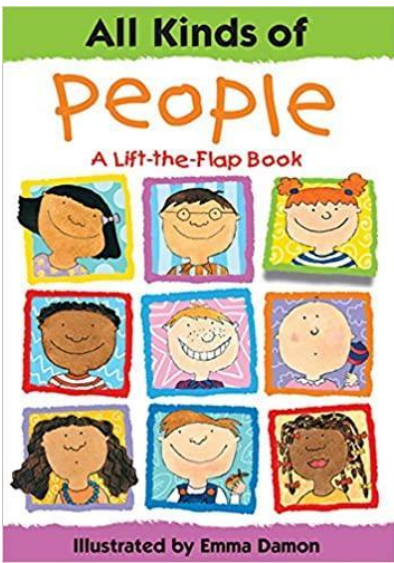
Ten top tips for reading stories to your child.

1. Make reading to your child feel like a treat. Introduce each new book with excitement.
2. Make it a special quiet time and cuddle up so both of you can see the book.
3. Show curiosity in what you're going to read: Oh no! I think Arthur is going to get even angrier now.
4. Read the whole story the first time through without stopping too much. If you think your child might not understand something, model an explanation: Oh I think what's happening here is that...
5. Chat about the story: I wonder why he did that? Oh no, I hope she's not going to... I wouldn't have done that, would you?
6. Avoid asking questions to test what your child remembers.
7. Link stories to your own experiences (e.g. This reminds me of...)
8. Read favourite stories over and over again. Get your child to join in with the bits they know.
9. Read with enthusiasm. Don't be embarrassed to try out different voices. Your child will love it.
10. Read with enjoyment. If you're not enjoying it, your child won't.


Suggested Reading for Autumn 1.

Front Cover	Title and Author	Synopsis
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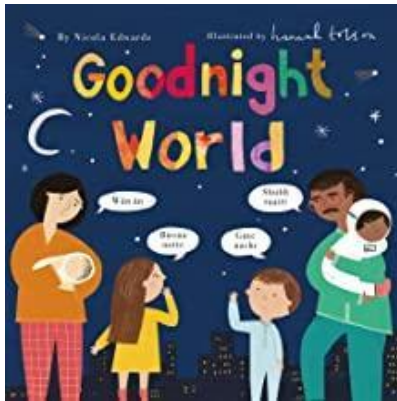
	<p>Let's Go to Nursery!</p> <p>Caryl Hart</p>	<p>Bee and Billy are going to nursery! After both mummies hug them goodbye, Bee runs off and starts playing, but Billy feels shy. Fortunately, Bee is playing postman and engages Billy in the game. Later, it's Billy's turn to help Bee out when she wants a toy that another little one is playing with. And when Billy spills his milk and gets upset, Bee offers to share hers. By the end of the day both Billy and Bee are yawny and sleepy - and they can't wait to come back to nursery next time.</p>
	<p>Super Duper You</p> <p>Sophy Henn</p>	<p>Sometimes we are loud, sometimes we are quiet, sometimes bold and clanky, sometimes soft and cuddly. Sophy Henn celebrates all the different, extraordinary and sometimes contradictory things we are in this joyful and colourful rhyming picture book. Perfect to read aloud - and then read again, and again!</p>

 <p>Written by Leilani Sparrow Illustrated by Dan Taylor</p>	<p>My First Day Leilani Sparrow</p>	<p>The first day at school or nursery can be a little scary, but there is so much to do that little bears and bunnies won't be able to feel sad for long! There are friends to make, snacks to share, play to be played and painting to be done amongst a host of other exciting things. And when the end of the day comes, after a story, it's time to put coats on again and go home: tomorrow will be so much fun!</p>
 <p>Illustrated by Emma Damon</p>	<p>All Kinds of People Sheri Safran</p>	<p>People come in all different shapes and sizes and have different interests and hobbies. Whether a child has straight hair or curly, freckles or pimples, is thin or overweight—this book offers a celebratory romp through what makes all of us unique and special. Fold-outs, flaps, wheels, and much more make this a delightful way to explore the range in a warm, humorous way. At the end of the book, a mirror allows children to look at themselves, along with a page to record their own special characteristics.</p>

	<p>15 Things Not to do with a Baby</p> <p>Margaret McAllister</p>	<p>Congratulations! You now have a baby in your family. Follow our top tips and you'll all be very happy. Don't lend your baby to a kangaroo, plant your baby in the garden, or take to school with you - and definitely don't send your baby to play with an elephant!</p> <p>DO cuddle your baby, read to your baby, sing to your baby and give your baby lots and lots of love.</p>
	<p>Calm Down, Boris!</p> <p>Sam Lloyd</p>	<p>Boris is a VERY friendly monster. But sometimes he gets a little too carried away! This interactive book comes complete with a Boris puppet making it perfect for sharing.</p> <p>This fantastic interactive book will entertain and mesmerise any young child.</p>
	<p>You Choose!</p> <p>Pippa Goodhart and Nick Sharratt</p>	<p>Appealing, highly interactive and packed with details, this gem of a book can support speech and language development, encourage independent thinking and make decision-making fun.</p>

	<p>Almost Anything</p> <p>Sophy Henn</p>	<p>Everyone in the woods is having a fun day doing this and that: Otter is painting, Hedgehog is dancing, Fox is kite-flying. George, however, isn't doing anything. George is doing nothing. Not because he doesn't want to join in, but because he thinks he can't join in. His paws are too big for flying kites, he's too wibbly wobbly for roller-skating; he just can't. But wise old Bear has a solution for George: a magic hat that will enable him to do almost anything at all...</p> <p>Sophy Henn has the perfect touch when it comes to tapping into childhood emotions and readers both young and old will completely relate to George's wobbly feelings about trying new things. With the help of his special hat, George discovers he can do all sorts of this and that. Gradually he starts to believe in himself and, when the hat gets lost, Bear reveals that George - like everyone - had his own special magic all along and the hat was just a helping hand.</p>
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Author: Nicola Edwards



Goodnight World

Nicola Edwards

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This soothing picture book has a lilting rhyme throughout and is both a lovely bedtime read and an interesting and inclusive meditation on the phrase 'good night' in different languages (given with a useful pronunciation guide). As well as learning the same phrase in a variety of languages, children and parents will absorb the greater message that we live in a wonderfully varied world, yet have much in common with families everywhere.



It's My Pond

Claire Garralon

A little yellow duck finds a beautiful pond and claims it for himself. Then he is joined by a white duck, so they split it in two. When a red duck comes along, they split it in three - and so on until the pond has been divided into tiny spaces, all filled with ducks sitting still. When a black duck comes along, he suggests they all share the pond and have fun instead, which is great... Until a hippo shows up!

This book is a beautiful and enjoyable read. It teaches children the importance of sharing rather than selfish hoarding, and the vibrant illustrations invite young readers to identify the different colours, as well as count the ducks.