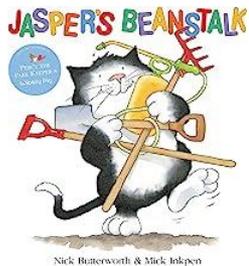
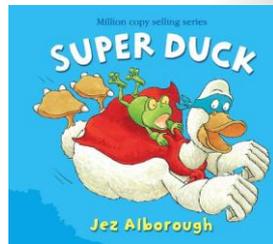


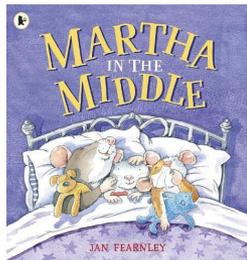
Ready for School Books to share with your child



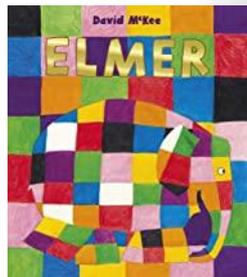
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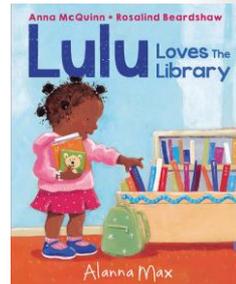
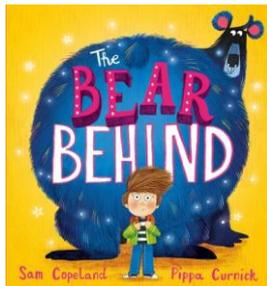
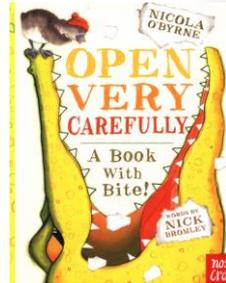
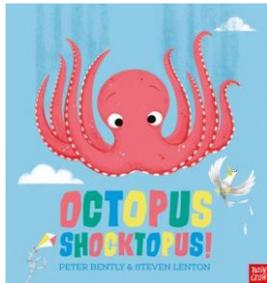
Sharing books with your child is enjoyable and can help them be ready for school.

Libraries are a welcoming, safe space where you can enjoy stories together. There are free regular rhymetimes and storytimes to join in with and holiday activities too!

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Rhythm and rhyme

Fun with words and verses

Michelle Robinson - Red Lorry, Yellow Lorry

The rhythmic text generates pace, making this an ideal story to read aloud and children will love to join in with the repetitive phrases.

Katrina Charman - The Whales on the Bus

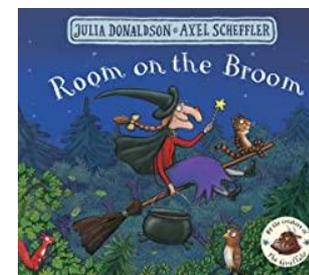
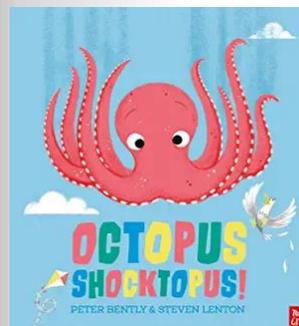
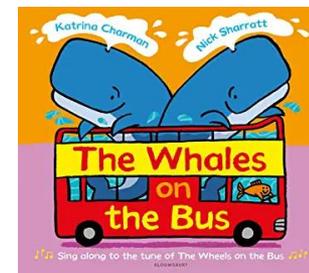
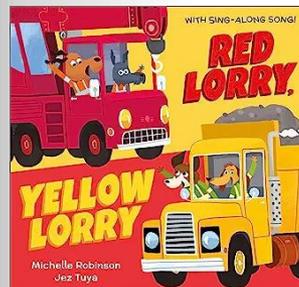
Is a fun new take on a familiar rhyme and is bound to get everyone singing

Peter Bentley - Octopus Shocktopus!

A warm and witty rhyming story about welcoming newcomers.

Julia Donaldson – Room on the Broom

A very funny rhythm and rhyme story of quick wits and friendship



Rhythm and rhyme cont...

Jez Alborough - Super Duck

Exuberant and a happy ending as Super Duck tries to rescue his friends kite.

Bill Martin & Eric Carle - Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?

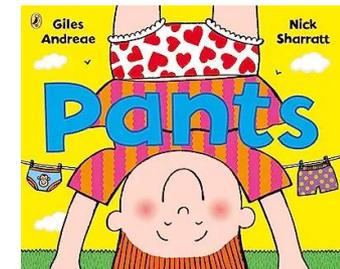
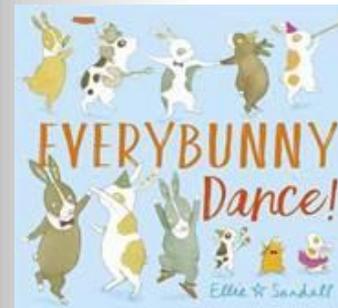
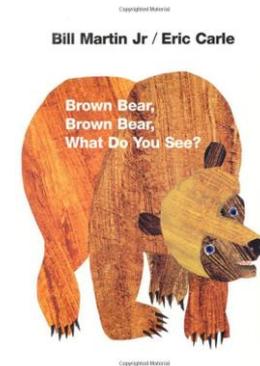
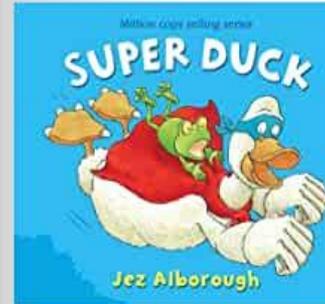
A big happy frog, a plump purple cat, a handsome blue horse, and a soft yellow duck--all parade across the pages of this delightful book.

Ellie Sandall - Every Bunny Dance

The rhyming text skips along and is complemented by joyous pencil and watercolour illustrations, full of warmth, colour and humour

Giles Andreae - Pants

Giles Andreae's rhyming text and Nick Sharratt's distinctive illustrations will entertain both youngsters and their parents



Traditional Tales

A new look at some old favourites

David Axtell - We're Going on a Lion Hunt

This is an African version of a traditional tale

Elli Woollard - Aesop's Fables

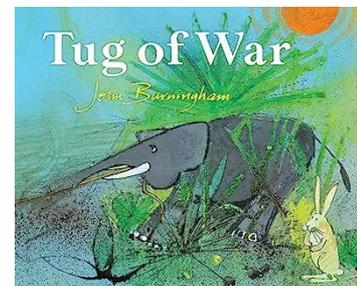
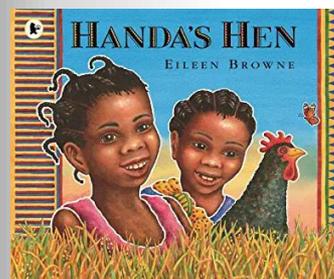
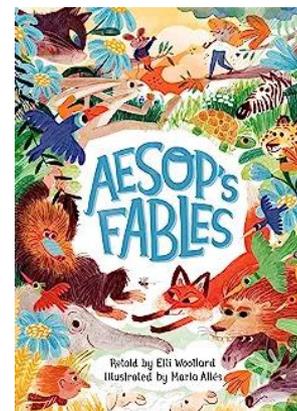
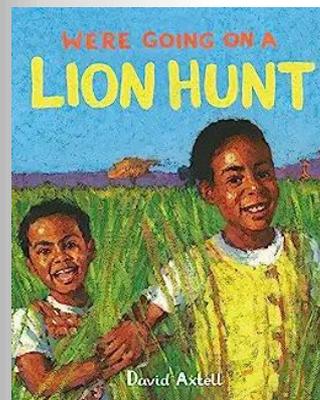
A beautifully illustrated and rhyming retelling of a selection of Aesop's Fables

Eileen Browne - Handa's Hen

Set in Africa, this counting-out story follows Handa and her friend Akeyo as they search for Handa's grandmother's hen.

John Burningham - Tug of War

This retelling of a traditional African folk tale contains an important message about how we treat others



Traditional Tales cont...

Hilary Robinson & Nick Sharratt - Mixed-up fairy tales

Create your own crazy versions of the best loved fairy tales. Have fun sorting out the silly stories from the sensible ones.

Jeanne Willis - The cow tripped over the moon and other nursery rhyme emergencies

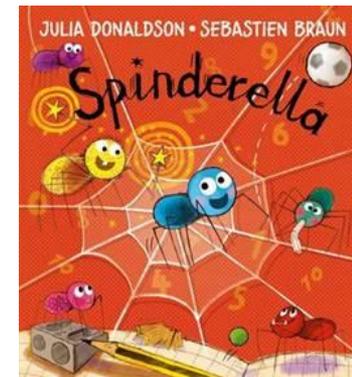
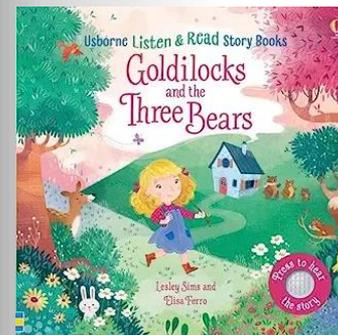
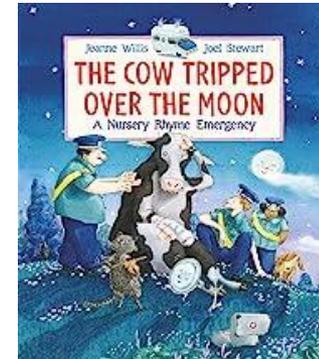
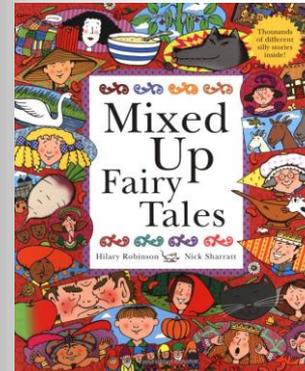
A rollicking twist on classic nursery rhymes.

Lesley Sims - Goldilocks and the three bears

A charming retelling of the much-loved tale for very young children, with a child-friendly ending and beautiful illustrations

Julia Donaldson & Sebastien Braun - Spinderella

Spinderella is a spider who lives with her spider mum and her spider brothers and sisters on top of a ceiling light at a school. Every day, Spinderella and her brothers and sisters watch the children in class.



Stories for sharing

Teatime in space – Caroline Castle

Pete is playing football when a spaceship lands in his garden. Can Pete help Zub to fix the Flumobile and will they ever get home in time for tea?

Martha in the middle – Jan Fearnley

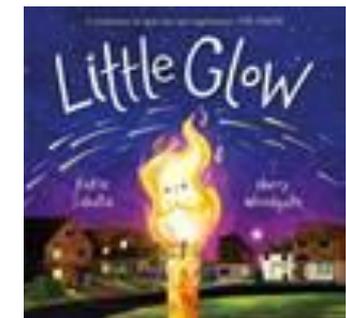
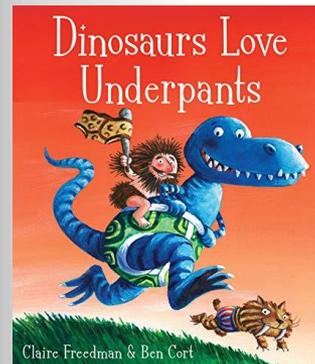
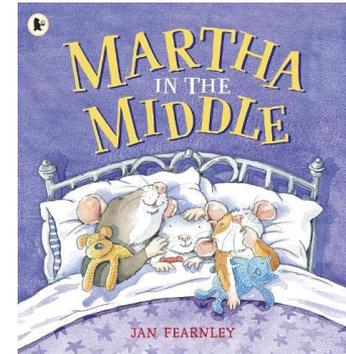
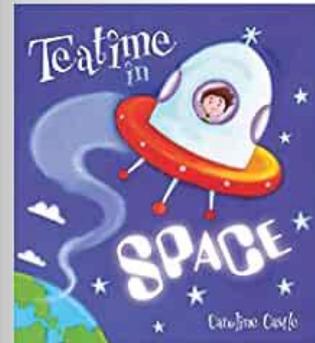
A charming story that helps explain how everyone in a family has their own important role to play.

Dinosaurs love underpants – Claire Freedman & Ben Cort

This hilarious tale is prehistoric Pants War that wiped out the dinosaurs. Vibrant illustrations and a rollicking rhyme.

Little Glow – Katie Sahota & Harry Woodgate

This glimmering, gorgeous book is a gentle story that showcases the amazing celebrations of light across different communities, including Lunar New Year, Diwali, Hanukkah and Ramadan.



Stories for sharing cont...

Steve Small - The Duck who Didn't like water

This is an adorable picture book about making friends in the most unlikely of places. With its beautiful illustrations, it's a book you will come back to time and time again.

Ken Wilson-Max - Lenny and Wilbur

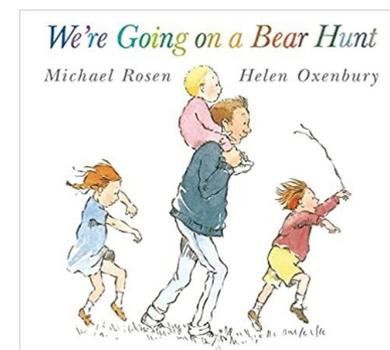
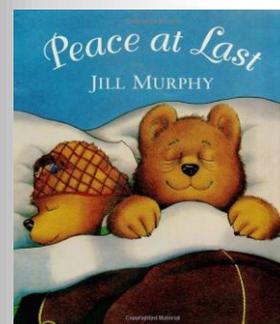
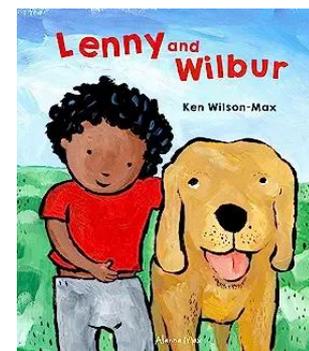
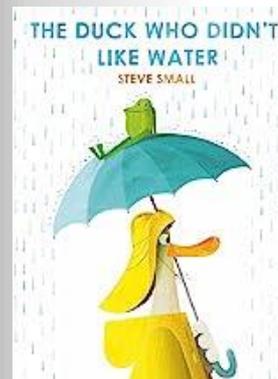
Bright, bold and reflective of a culturally diverse family, the illustrations exude warmth and fun.

Jill Murphy - Peace at last

With a snoring Mrs Bear, an excitable Baby Bear and a house full of tapping and dripping and ticking, peace is hard to come by – will Mr Bear ever get a decent night's sleep?

Michael Rosen & Helen Oxenbury - We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Follow and join in the family's excitement as they wade through the grass, splash through the river and squelch through the mud in search of a bear. What a surprise awaits them in the cave on the other side of the dark forest!



Ready for School

Marta Altes - New in Town

This heartwarming story about feeling different, not fitting in and slowly finding a way to feel at home. Particularly good for those who are about to start school or nursery

Pamela Duncan Edwards - Dinosaur starts school

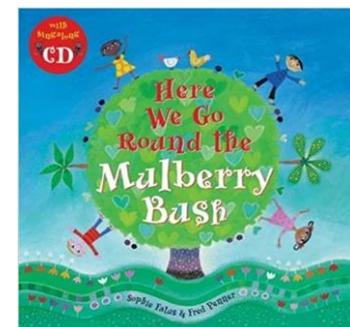
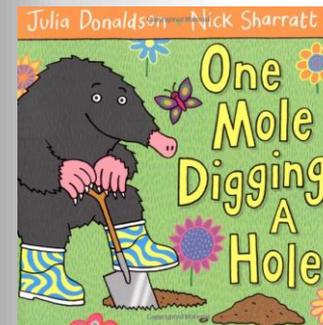
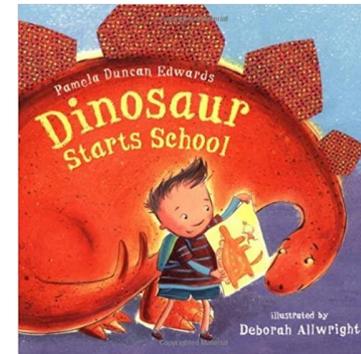
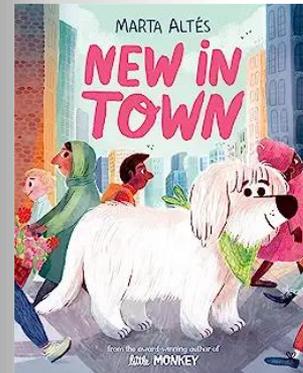
Dinosaur is worried about starting school but, with a little help from his friends, finds out that school is great.

Julia Donaldson & Nick Sharratt - One mole digging a hole

A simple rhyming, counting book with bright humorous pictures.

Sophie Fatus - Here we go round the mulberry bush

The traditional rhyme follows four children from different countries as they go through their morning routine and get ready for school.



Ready for School cont...

Caryl Hart - Whiffy Wilson the wolf who wouldn't go to school

Whiffy Wilson doesn't know how to hold a pen and has never looked in a book, but fortunately his friend Dotty is on hand to show him that school is fun.

Sue Graves - Little Tiger starts school

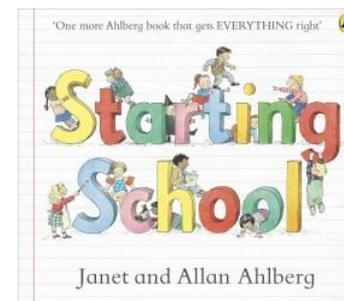
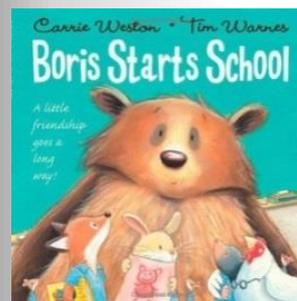
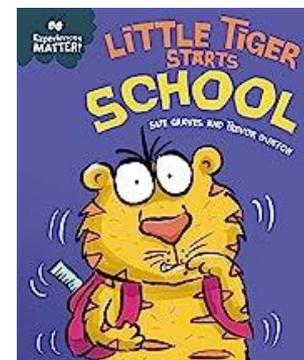
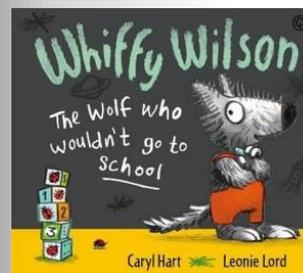
This funny, charming story is the perfect way to introduce young children to the experience of starting school

Carrie Weston - Boris starts school

When Miss Cluck tells her little pupils that there is going to be a new animal in their class, they are all very excited. In fact, there are squeals of delight. Nobody expects the new animal to be a grizzly bear!

Janet and Alan Ahlberg - Starting School

If you can't wait to start school, or are feeling a little nervous, this is the perfect book for you.





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