



Core Books

What are core books?

Core books are a collection of high - quality familiar texts that are read and shared with children on numerous occasions, helping to foster a life-long love of reading for pleasure and aiding children's development.



Some of our Core Books

We're Going on a Bear hunt – Micheal Rosen

Shark in the park – Nick Sharratt

Oi Frog – Kes Gray & Jim Field

Handa's Surprise – Eileen Browne

The Gruffalo – Julia Donaldson

There is a Dragon In Your Book – Tom Fletcher

Elmer – David McKee

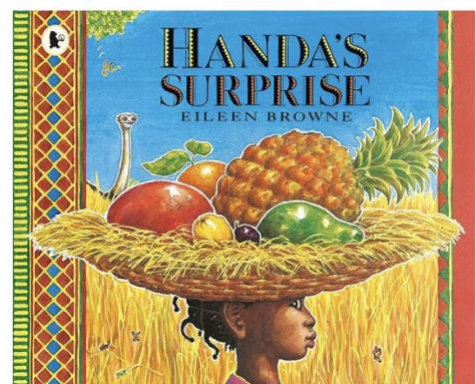
The Very Hungry Caterpillar – Eric Carle

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

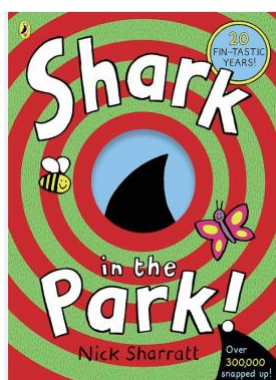
What are the benefits?

- It encourages enjoyment of books.
- It aids language and literacy development
- Develops their understanding of the world
- Helps them to make connections and ask questions
- Develops phonological awareness
- Provides opportunities to enhance role-play and small world play
- Introduces children to new vocabulary
- Develops rhyme and rhythm
- Nurtures creativity and imagination
- Supports children's mental wellbeing and self-esteem



How can I help at home?

- Read to and with your child **every day**, re-visiting popular books frequently.
- Give them choice – allow them to read different things – it doesn't just have to be a book. There is non-fiction, poetry, comics, magazines and much more.
- Listen to and join in with audio books in the car
- Make up your own stories together
- Visit the local library, to share and borrow books.
- Ask lots of questions. Talk to your child about the book they have been reading
- Make reading active – use toys, puppets or pictures to tell the story as you read
- Put on a play- act out your child's favourite story with them



Useful Links:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

<https://www.readingrockets.org/topics/activities/articles/25-activities-reading-and-writing-fun>

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