



# Storytime, anytime!

TODDLER

TALK!  
Halton!

Sharing books with your child is great for their development! Don't worry if your toddler runs away when you read - kids this age just really need to move. If you keep reading, they'll keep listening, and may come back to reconnect and hear more. Look for ways to connect that energy to the story, such as asking your child to hop like the rabbit in the book.

## Top tips!

- ★ Introduce longer stories (perhaps with paper pages, though supervise carefully) with more complex plots. Humour is a big selling point at this age, as are silly rhymes.
- ★ For new talkers, get in the habit of pausing before you say a favourite line or phrase in the story to see if your toddler will fill in the final word.
- ★ Promote your toddler's growing independence by giving them the "job" of turning the pages.



## Did you know?

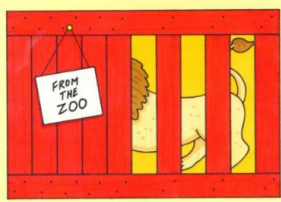
One of the most important things you can do to help your child's early language and literacy skills is to share stories and a variety of books together from a young age.

*Start their life long love of reading today*

# BOOK SUGGESTIONS

There are so many wonderful books for your toddler to enjoy. Here are some of our favourites...

## Dear Zoo



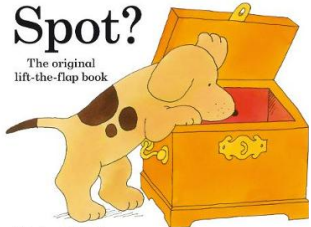
Rod Campbell

### Dear Zoo

A classic lift the flap book. It's great for learning describing words (big, tall, fierce, grumpy, scary, naughty).

## Where's Spot?

The original lift-the-flap book



Eric Hill

### Where's Spot?

A firm favourite with toddlers, Eric Hill's loveable puppy Spot introduces children to new experiences through friendship and play.

## BROWN BEAR, BROWN BEAR, WHAT DO YOU SEE?



Bill Martin Jr / Eric Carle

### Brown Bear, Brown Bear

This is a great book to help your toddler link colours and meanings with objects! It's great for learning rhyming words too.

For other book recommendations take a look at...



There are a wide range of books available at your local library. Visiting libraries regularly can help promote a love of reading and a love of sharing books from a young age.



To join the local library or to find/reserve a book

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## TOP TIPS FOR SHARING STORIES

<b>S</b>	<b>Shhhh!</b>	Find a quiet space away from distractions where you can share stories together.
<b>T</b>	<b>Talk</b>	Take your time and talk about the story as you go.
<b>O</b>	<b>Often</b>	Share books together often. 5 minutes a day is better than half an hour once a week!
<b>R</b>	<b>Retell</b>	Retell your child's favourite stories as this will really support their language development.
<b>I</b>	<b>Interests</b>	Sharing books that follow your child's interests will really help to engage them.
<b>E</b>	<b>Experiences</b>	Relate stories to your child's own experiences whenever you can.
<b>S</b>	<b>Sounds</b>	Bring stories to life by using silly voices and sound effects.