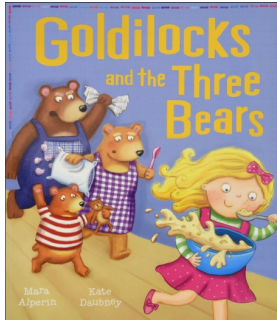


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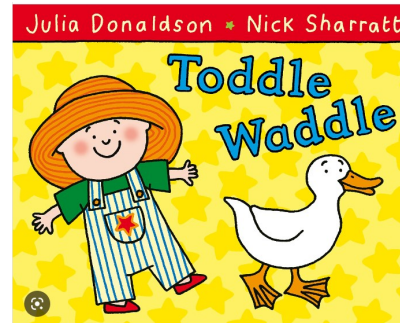
Traditional/Fairy Story

Goldilocks and the Three Bears



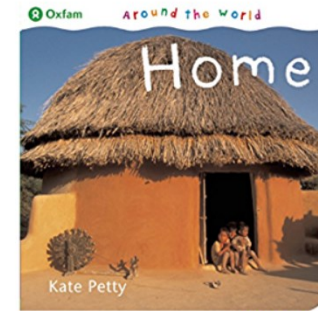
Rhymes/Poems

Toddle Waddle



Non Fiction

Home—Oxfam



Wide range of vocabulary. Size and number related vocabulary, making comparisons related to size. Repetition of words, character names, memory building, feelings about happy, sad, angry, worried. How actions might hurt others. Good quality supporting material - CBeebies Ballet. Cultural capital.

Maths focus - Number, one two and three. Size and comparing sizes and capacity. Sequencing of events using words such as 'first' and 'then.'

Phonics focus - exploring speech sounds and discrimination between different sounds.

Remembering events from trip to beach in previous term or summer events from home. Simple illustrations, providing lots of discussion prompts and room for 'why' questions and answers. Illustrations. Simple and very few words that incorporate rhyme, alliteration and lots of onomatopoeia.

Maths focus - number counting and language, understanding position words such as under, over, on top.

Phonics focus - environmental sounds and rhythm/tempo. Listening and remembering sounds.

Settling into nursery, talking about our homes and staff having visited each child's home and similarities and differences between these. Diversity around homes and people who live there. Non-fiction text. Simple illustrations. Range of vocabulary, lots of opportunities for discussions.

Maths focus - talk about shapes and comparisons of size, length, height, capacity and shape language such as corners, round, square.

Phonics focus - listening skills.

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Story

We are Family



Children settling in, focus upon family, understanding similarities and differences in families compared to own, diversity.

Maths focus - Number and counting.

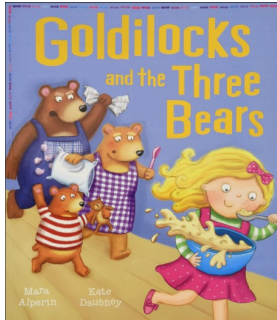
Phonics focus - environmental sounds.

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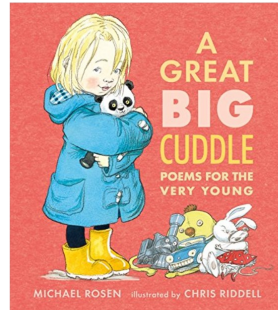
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Rhymes/Poems

A Great Big Cuddle



Non Fiction

Shop leaflets and brochures relevant to children

Continue for whole term as settling in initially to explore to maximum benefit. Wide range of vocabulary. Size and number related vocabulary, making comparisons related to size. Repetition of words, character names, memory building, feelings about happy, sad, angry, worried. How actions might hurt others.

Maths focus - Number, one two and three. Size and comparing sizes and capacity. Sequencing of events using words such as 'first' and 'then.'

Phonics focus - exploring different vocal and speech sounds and discrimination between different sounds.

Different format, series of stand alone poems to explore difference to a story, compare one page to lots of pages in story (page sequencing.) Immersion in poems. Rhymes and clapping syllables, alliteration and onomatopoeia.

Maths focus - number and number names.

Phonics focus - rhythm and rhyme, body percussion and voice sounds.

Non fiction text, understanding own and others emotions. Not a story - to tell us about facts.

'Real life non fiction', collect from local shops and community, reading for information.

Maths focus - numbers in print, environment, prices and money.

Phonics focus - alliteration.

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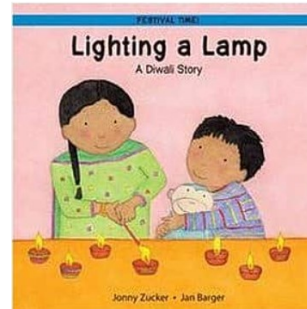
Story

Stick Man



Understanding the World

Lighting a Lamp Diwali



Imagination and creativity, different places and environment. Christmas, rhythm and rhyme, weather. Continuation of family thread. Vocabulary. Good quality supporting visual material - CBeebies story/film.

Maths focus - number and shape, sequence of events.

Phonics focus - rhythm and rhyme, body percussion and sound discrimination.

Tells story of what Hindu's do to celebrate Diwali; simple words and illustrations; new vocabulary, diversity and different cultures.

Maths focus - shape and pattern.

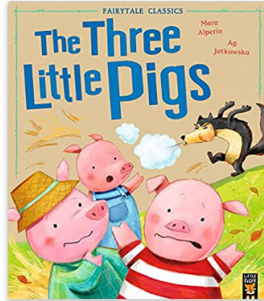
Phonics focus - listening skills and instrumental sounds.

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Spring One

Traditional/Fairy Story

The Three Little Pigs



Wide range of vocabulary. Size and number related vocabulary, opportunities for 'why' questions and extended conversations. Exploring properties of materials. Repetition of words, character names, memory building, feelings about happy, sad, angry, worried. How actions might hurt others. Good quality supporting material - CBeebies Ballet. Cultural capital.

Maths focus - Number, one two and three. Size and comparing sizes and capacity. Sequencing of events using words such as 'first' and 'then.'

Phonics focus - exploring speech sounds and discrimination between different sounds.

Rhymes/Poems

We're Going on a Bear Hunt

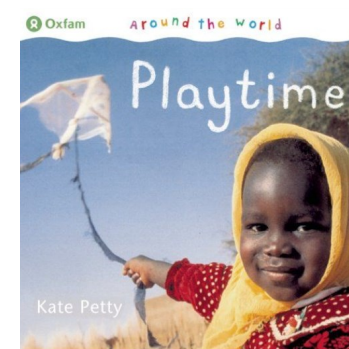


Rhythm, repetition; memory and emotions. Environmental sounds, adventure, journey, order and sequencing. Positional language, under/over.

Maths focus - Sequencing of events using words such as 'first' and 'then.' Describe an familiar route.

Phonics focus - rhythm and rhyme, environmental and instrumental sound discrimination, body percussion.

Non Fiction



Non-fiction text investigating how children play in different countries in the world. Lots of opportunities for conversations, extended vocabulary. Photographs rather than illustrations to draw attention to differences.

Maths focus - talk about and explore shapes, comparing size of objects etc

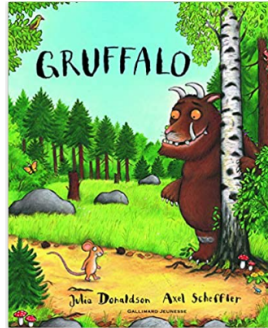
Phonics focus - listening skills.

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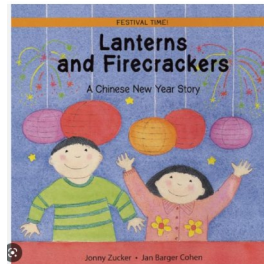
The Gruffalo



Understanding the World

Lanterns and Firecrackers

Chinese New Year



Sense of imagination, animal habitats, memory and descriptive language. Repetition of words, character names, memory building and repeated refrains. Good quality supporting material - CBeebies story/film and songs etc.

Maths focus - Size and comparing sizes. Sequencing of events using words such as 'first' and 'then.' Describing a route.

Phonics focus - rhythm and rhyme. Exploring speech sounds and discrimination between different sounds and voice sounds.

Tells story of how families celebrate Chinese New Year; simple words and illustrations; new vocabulary, diversity and different cultures.

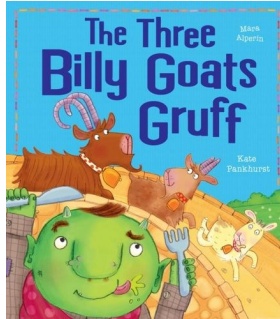
Maths focus - descriptive language for shape and pattern.

Phonics focus - environmental sounds and rhythm and rhyme.

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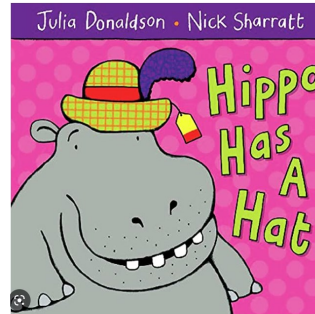
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The Three Billy Goats Gruff



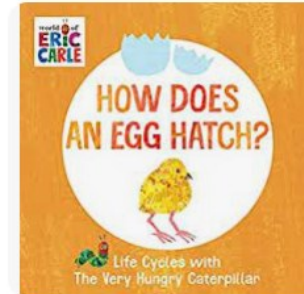
Rhymes/Poems

Hippo has a Hat



Non Fiction

How Does An Egg Hatch?



Imagination, range of vocabulary, sounds. Repetition of words and phrases, memory building and repeated refrains. Sequence, journey, size and prepositional language.

Maths focus - Size and comparing length/height. Describe sequence of events and positional language.

Phonics focus - Exploring speech sounds and oral blending and segmenting.

Phonological awareness, spot and suggest rhymes and recognise word with same initial sounds. Clear and engaging illustrations. Simple and very few words that incorporate rhyme, alliteration and lots of onomatopoeia.

Maths focus - patterns on clothes, stripes, spots and informal words to describe them such as 'spotty' and exploring shapes.

Phonics focus - rhythm and rhyme and oral blending and segmenting.

Reading for information, life cycles and new life, growth, respect and care for living things. Links to other core books.

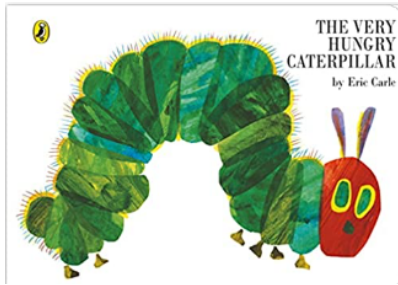
Maths focus - comparisons between sizes and describe a sequence of events.

Phonics focus - voice sounds and oral blending and segmenting.

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Story

The Very Hungry Caterpillar



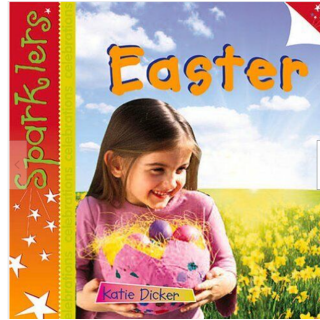
Sequencing, days of the week, maths, food, growth cycle of a caterpillar. Pattern. Repetition of words and phrases. Remembering.

Maths focus - number and pattern, comparing sizes.

Phonics focus - speech sounds and oral blending and segmenting.

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Easter



How families celebrate Easter, cultures and diversity. Factual picture book. New vocabulary, extended conversations.

Maths focus - pattern and shape

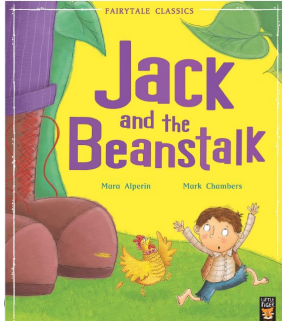
Phonics focus - rhyming words and oral blending.

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Summer One

Traditional/Fairy Story

Jack and the Beanstalk



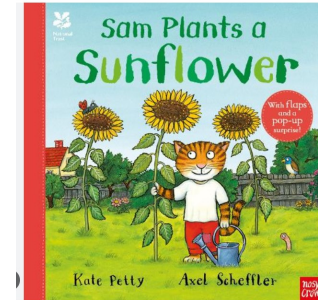
Rhymes/Poems

Poem - Oh Dear by Michael Rosen



Non Fiction

Sam Plants a Sunflower



Imagination, range of vocabulary, sounds. Planting and growth, repetition of words, memory building and repeated refrains.

Maths focus - Size and comparing length/height. Describe sequence of events.

Phonics focus - rhythm and rhyme. Exploring speech sounds and discrimination between different sounds and voice sounds.

Format of a single poem. Different to a story in presentation. Rhymes easily accessible. Familiar and simple rhyming words. Repeated refrain within the rhyming poem, engaging and exciting. High quality virtual resources to support and for parents to interact with at home.

Growth, life cycle of a plant, caring for a plant and weather. Nature and how things work. Opportunity for children to make links with Jack and the Beanstalk and explore further.

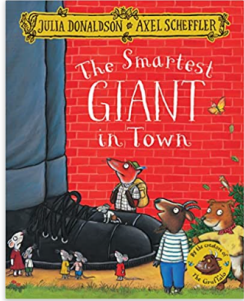
Maths focus - Size and comparing length/height. Describe sequence of events. Number.

Phonics focus - voice sounds and oral blending and segmenting.

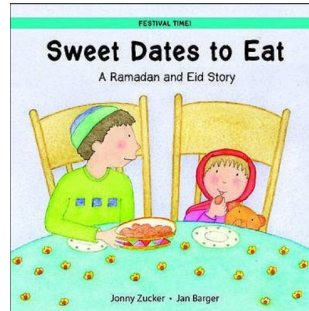
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Story

The Smartest Giant in Town



Understanding the World



Imagination, range of vocabulary, longer story, links to Jack and the Beanstalk and size, properties of materials.

Maths focus - sequence of events, discussing routes and locations such as 'in front of' or 'behind'

Phonics focus - Exploring environmental and speech sounds and oral blending and segmenting.

Exploring how families celebrate Ramadan and Eid. Diversity, new vocabulary, simple illustrations.

Maths focus - number.

Phonics focus - listening skills.

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Summer Two

Traditional/Fairy Story

The Gingerbread Man

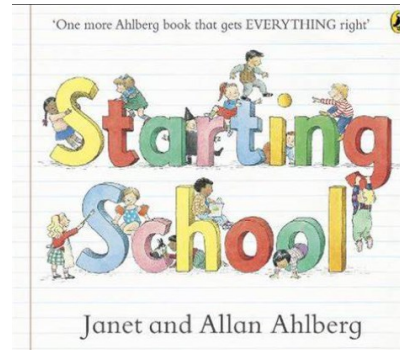


Traditional story, repeated refrains, clear illustrations and language. Remembering a sequence and order, rhythm.

Maths focus - a route and journey to recall and discuss.

Phonics focus - speech sounds and oral blending and segmenting.

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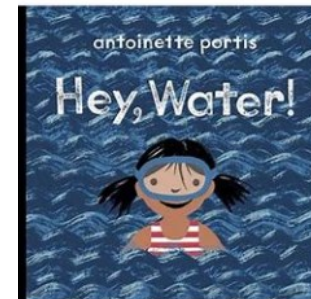
To support children with the transition to school, clear and engaging language and illustrations. Relatable and depicts positive experiences of starting school and being in the wider world.

Maths focus - talk of time and different parts of the school day.

Phonics focus - listening skills.

Non Fiction

Hey, Water



Understanding need to care and respect for natural environment, a non-fiction text with clear attractive illustrations, one large key word label, introduction to water cycle and lots of opportunities for discussions.

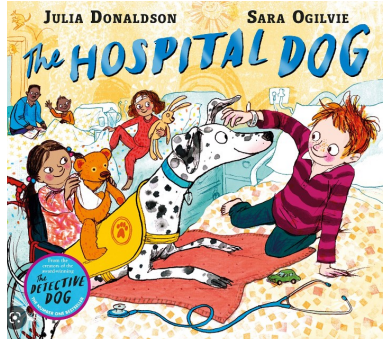
Maths focus -

Understanding position, shapes, routes and locations.

Phonics focus - listening skills.

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Summer Two

Story



Imagination, range of vocabulary, longer story that portrays different types of people in illustrations, road safety, people who help us. Rhyme and remembering what happens. Extended conversations.

Maths focus - sequence of events, discussing routes and locations such as 'in front of' or 'behind'

Phonics focus - Exploring environmental and speech sounds and oral blending and segmenting.

