

## Ready for school

### First concepts and more

#### BROWNLOW, MIKE

##### Ten Little Aliens

Count from ten to one and back again in this rhyming space story. This early counting book lends itself to sharing and joining in. Great fun.



#### DEUTSCH, GEORGIANA

##### Perfectly Polite Penguins Not

A not-so-polite penguin decides that being polite is boring. Until she discovers the benefits of manners such as taking turns, sharing and being considerate. A useful book to share with children starting school.



#### DICMAS, COURTNEY

##### A New School For Charlie

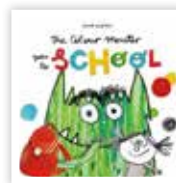
Charlie is very excited to be starting school. However he gets a shock when he discovers that the school is full of cats! A lovely story about making new friends.



#### LLENAS, ANNA

##### The Colour Monster goes to School

The Colour Monster is worried about going to school for the first time. He doesn't know what to expect. However he soon discovers that school can be fun. A reassuring story.



#### NEWSON, KARL

##### The Same But Different Too

A wonderful celebration of all the things that make us unique. A rhyming story that lends itself to reading aloud.



Sharing books with your child is fun and the best start for school you could give them.

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## Rhythm and rhyme

### Fun with words and verses

**AVERISS, CORRINNE**

**My Pet Star**

A little girl looks after an injured star by treating it like her pet until the star is well enough to return to the sky. A wonderful story about friendship told in rhyme.



**BIDDULPH, ROB**

**Wide Awake**

Winnie the dinosaur can't sleep so her twin brother tries a variety of different ways to help her. Will the twins ever go to sleep?



**GALLAGHER, HEATHER**

**Scaredy Cat**

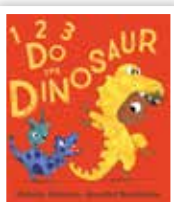
A story of a girl and her beloved pet who is scared of many things. A bouncy rhyming story that is a delight to read aloud.



**ROBINSON, MICHELLE**

**1, 2, 3, Do the Dinosaur**

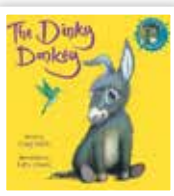
A young boy takes on the task of teaching dinosaurs how to act like a dinosaur. Plenty of opportunity for joining in with the actions in this hilarious story.



**SMITH, CRAIG**

**The Dinky Donkey**

Wonkey Donkey has a daughter called Dinky Donkey. Have some fun with words as the description of the dinky donkey increases.



## Fantastical tales

### Stories to stir the imagination

**ACTON, SARAH**

**Dinosaur Day Out**

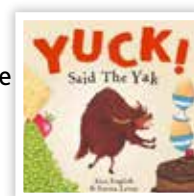
Dad takes two children out for the day. While he is occupied reading his book on dinosaurs, the children spot unusual creatures around the city. A great book for sharing as you join in with spotting dinosaurs.



**ENGLISH, ALEX**

**Yuck! Said The Yak**

A boy discovers that a yak is hard to please when it comes to food. After offering a selection of different things to eat, he discovers that the Yak's taste is quite different to his own. A good story for fussy eaters!



**HART, CARYL**

**Knock Knock Alien**

An out of this world adventure as aliens come knocking on the door. A girl is transported away with the aliens - can she return home without waking her gran?



**HENDRY, DIANA**

**You Can't Cuddle a Crocodile**

A girl pretends to be a different animal every day of the week. Her brother plays along with her, but wishes that she would sometimes be a little girl.



**PINDAR, HEATHER**

**Strictly No Crocs**

The crocodiles want to go to zebra's party with the intention of causing trouble. They put on a disguise but discover that they're having so much fun that they forget why they came.



## Stories for sharing

### Bedtime, lunchtime, anytime!

**BROWNE, EILEEN**

**Handa's Noisy Night**

Handa and her friend have a sleepover in a hut near their house. They are very excited but soon start to hear noises. Is it Akeyo's family or is it the nocturnal animals in the African countryside?



**CLARK, EMMA CHICHESTER**

**All You Need is Love**

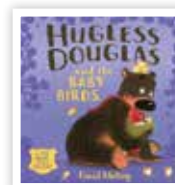
A young dog learns that new friends can be a good thing. A useful story for promoting new friendships. Great fun.



**MELLING, DAVID**

**Hugless Douglas and the Baby Birds**

Another story featuring the endearing Hugless Douglas. This time he has to look after Swoopy Bird's eggs when her nest falls out of a tree and discovers that a hug is not enough to keep them warm.



**NEWSON, KARL**

**I Am A Tiger**

A little mouse has very big ideas. She thinks she's a tiger and manages to convince all the other animals until a real tiger turns up. How will it end?



**WILD, JONNIE**

**The Yum Yum Tree**

Naughty baby monkey has gone too far up the yum yum tree and can't get down. However, the flamingos have a cunning plan as always....A great book to read aloud.

