



Your storyteller's guide

Welcome to your **Bookstart Storyteller pack** from BookTrust. We've created these resources with help from families and professionals, to provide you with the tools you need to get families started on their own reading adventure. We've covered some of the basics to aid storytelling, but hope there's enough to inspire even the most avid storytellers among you.



What's in your kit?

11 books:

We've learned that families love to have books that teach their child about the real world and everyday moments in their lives – which is why we've selected the following books with themes such as inclusivity and friendship, exploring different cultures, understanding emotions and the world around them.

These books are perfect for sharing with 1-4 year olds , and are there for you to use in any way you see fit:

- **Zoom! Zoom! Zoom!**
- **Norman's New Shell**
- **Llama Glamarama**
- **Barbara Throws a Wobbler**
- **The Treasure of Pirate Frank**
- **There's a Bear on My Chair**
- **Look at Me!***
- **Roar! Roar! I'm a Dinosaur!***
- **Where are the Yellow Chicks, Spot?***
- **Minibeasts***
- **One Banana, Two Bananas***

The books marked with an asterix are also included in the Bookstart Toddler and Bookstart Pre-schooler family packs. You could share these in your story sessions to inspire families with ways they can enjoy them at home.





Storytelling tools:

We think children will love exploring these stories. But we've also heard from families about the importance of taking the reading experience beyond the book itself, connecting, interacting and exploring the themes in the story together. That's why we've included the following tools and activities to help bring these stories to life. You can use them any way you like:

- A fabric hand puppet
- 10 activity cards with activities and rhymes linked to the books
- Story stickers to give to families

Storytelling tips and ideas

You'll know that not everyone has grown up with books. They're not a natural part of family life for everyone, but one or two good story sessions can be enough to spark that first interest, particularly when families see how their children react to a story. Here are a few tips to help families see how they can incorporate books into their lives on a more regular basis:

- Point out that books are great for out and about as well as for home!
- Sometimes a little role play with a staff member just focusing on a child's interest and not reading the story cover to cover can help parents to feel a bit more confident – it doesn't have to be word perfect. Talk about the pictures, have fun, and enjoy the interaction.
- Share the activity cards with families to give them ideas for how to enjoy the stories at home. Perhaps demonstrate one during a session first, to help families feel a bit more confident.

More tips, tools and ideas

For more about using your toolkit and resources, visit our Storytelling online hub by scanning the QR code or going to booktrust.org.uk/storyteller



Family reading inspiration online

There are Storytime videos, activity ideas, games, quizzes and competitions for families at booktrust.org.uk/familyhub and we add new book recommendations all the time, with themed top-10 lists for all ages and interests.



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