

A quick guide to delivering Bookstart Corner



1. What is Bookstart Corner?

Bookstart Corner is a targeted offer from BookTrust. This programme is designed to support you to work with families with children aged 12-30 months, who might benefit from additional help to develop a love of stories, books and rhymes.

In order to deliver Bookstart Corner, you will have received free resources for families and your setting. These resources will help you to support families and increase access to reading.

Bookstart Corner aims to support the following outcomes for the families you work with:

- Increase parents' and carers' confidence around sharing books, stories and rhymes with their child
- Increase parents' and carers' knowledge of age-appropriate books, stories and rhymes
- Increase understanding of the importance of sharing books, stories and rhymes with children
- Develop emergent literacy skills for children.



2. Identifying families to take part in Bookstart Corner

Your setting will have the expertise to identify the families who can most benefit from Bookstart Corner. This can include the following:

- Children entitled to the free two-year-old early education grant
- Children with speech and language delays
- Children that have never attended a health check
- Parents participating in the Family Nurse Partnership programme
- Where there are concerns around domestic violence, drug or alcohol misuse or maternal mental health
- Where a child or at least one parent has a longstanding illness or disability
- There has been a referral from health, social services, GP or other local professionals.

If a child is hearing or sight impaired, ask your Bookstart Coordinator about Booktouch and Bookshine additional needs packs. If a family has English as an additional language, ask about Bookstart dual-language books.

3. Delivering Bookstart Corner

Bookstart Corner resources can be delivered to individual families or to a group of families over a series of sessions.

The resources are designed to be delivered around four themes: early reading, rhymes, mark making and routines. Use these themes and the resources to provide families with key messaging. You can also use activities to engage families and build their confidence in sharing reading together.

Visit www.booktrust.org.uk/bookstart-corner-tools or take a look in the **Bookstart Corner handbook** for activity ideas and tips.

4. ORIM Framework

Bookstart Corner aims to increase parents' and carers' confidence by helping them recognise what they are already doing to support their children and build on this. One way to do this is using the ORIM framework.

ORIM stands for opportunities, recognition, interaction and modelling. These are four practical ways that parents and carers can support their child's learning and development.

- Opportunities – Parents and carers make the experiences of everyday life into learning opportunities; through the ways they interact with their child.
- Recognition – When parents and carers show that they recognise and value their child's achievements and effort.
- Interaction – When parents and carers support their child's development by interacting with them in a variety of ways including listening, talking, sharing, etc.
- Modelling – Through modelling by parents and carers, children can absorb behaviours, attitudes towards learning, and how to interact with them. Parents and carers are the most powerful models for young children and babies, being those who spend the most time with them.

5. Signposting families

Bookstart Corner is a great way to engage families who have not previously accessed local services. You can suggest to families where they can continue to access books, join groups or find further support.

Use our **signposting form** to give families information about what's available locally.

