

## **Dear Parents and Carers,**

We are working with **BookTrust Cymru** to get more families reading together. Your child has received a **book pack from BookTrust Cymru**, which has been designed to make reading a fun and rewarding activity to do as a family.



BookTrust Cymru wants **every** child and their family to have what they need to get reading – and love books – because words and stories help children understand the world, setting them up for life.

## Why should I read with my child?

- Sharing stories can be fun and a great way to spend time with your child
- Stories can teach children about the **world around** them
- Books are brilliant for development
- Stories can spark all kinds of conversations between you and your child
- Books can spark children's imagination and broaden their horizons

# How do I get started?

- **Get close** and look at a book **together**. You could encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages
- Start small: you don't have to read a book cover to cover, just 5 minutes of reading together can give loads of benefits
- You can share stories at **any time** or **any place**, whether it's over breakfast or at the park, at bath time or before bed
- Just have fun! Remember there's no right or wrong way to share a story.

Your pack contains two books, along with activities and games to bring the books to life. You can find more ideas for using your pack by visiting BookTrust Cymru's Bookstart Family Hub:

#### booktrust.org.uk/familyhubwales



BookTrust Cymru really values your feedback. You can let them know how you get on with your book packs by filling in a short feedback survey at: booktrust.org.uk/storytellerfeedbackwales

### [EDITABLE SECTION] Continue sharing stories together

Please use this space to let families know what other services are available locally to them, for example, Rhyme and Story sessions.

We hope you and your child enjoy exploring your pack together!



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