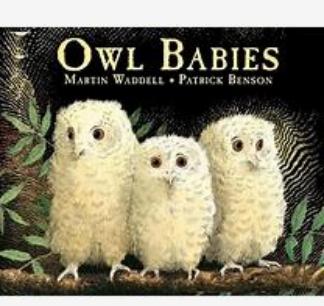
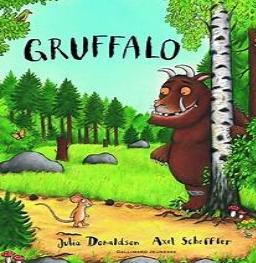


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September	Owl Babies 	Begin to understand emotions like separation and reassurance. PSED, CL	Cuddling, responding to voices; listen to soft story tone.	Use gestures/sounds to express feelings; act out story with toys	Talk about feelings, role play using puppets; discuss families.
October	The Gruffalo 	Develop rhyme awareness and imagination; explore story structure. CL, Literacy, EAD	Listen to rhyme; explore textures (e.g. fur, scales).	Join in repeated phrases and animal noises.	Retell story, describe characters, explore rhyme and rhythm

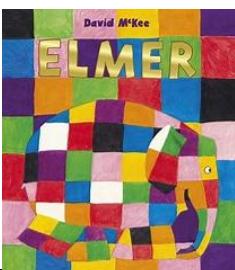
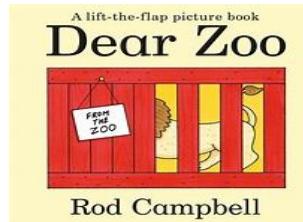
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November	<p>We are Going on a Bear Hunt</p>  <p><i>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</i> Michael Rosen • Helen Oxenbury</p>	<p>Follow and sequence events; build vocabulary and physical movement</p> <p>CL, PD, Literacy</p>	<p>Explore sensory materials (mud, grass); react to sounds.</p>	<p>Join in with movements; explore textures.</p>	<p>Retell using props; map out journey; discuss environments.</p>
December	<p>Stick Man</p>  <p><i>STICK MAN</i> JULIA DONALDSON • AXEL SCHEFFLER</p>	<p>Understand seasonal changes and family relationships.</p> <p>UW, PSED, EAD</p>	<p>Explore with natural resources; notice cold weather; touch natural materials.</p>	<p>Stick collages; family picture ring games supporting social skills</p>	<p>Make story maps, discuss seasons, build narratives</p>

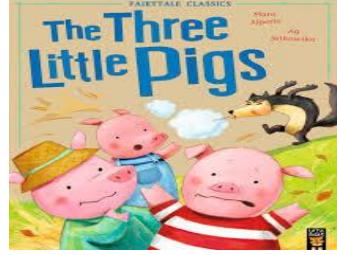


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January	The Very Hungry Caterpillar 	Begin to understand healthy eating, counting, and lifecycle changes. Maths, UW, Literacy CL	Explore real fruit using our senses listen to story rhythm repeating words.	Match fruits; count items; name food.	Sequence story; lifecycle craft; food sorting activities.
February	Elmer 	Celebrate uniqueness, colours, and kindness. PSED, EAD, CL	Messy play exploring with colours supporting our fine motor using simple tools to hold	Colour sorting; name colours; Elmer painting	Talk about being different; make patchwork elephants
March	Dear Zoo 	Recognise animals and develop descriptive language. CL, UW, Literacy	Lift the-flap exploration; hear animal sounds. Interact books naming simple animals and linking sounds .	Match animals to pictures; make noises.	Describe animals; act out zoo story; prediction games

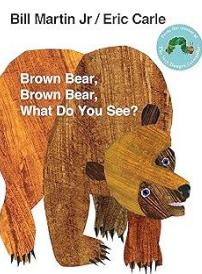
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April	The Tiny Seed 	Carle Learn about growth and change in nature. UW, CL, EAD	Touch soil, seeds; observe watering.	Plant seeds; sing growth songs.	Make lifecycle charts; observe changes in plants.
May	Three little pig 	Developing communication and language through listening, vocabulary, and repeated phrases Understanding story structure through sequencing and retelling Exploring materials and problem-solving Supporting confidence, cooperation, and resilience	Sensory storytelling using soft toys and props Repetition of key words and sounds Focus on listening, reassurance, and exploration EYFS: Communication & Language, PSED, Physical Development	Interactive storytelling and role play Building simple houses using blocks and materials Joining in with repeated phrases EYFS: Communication & Language, Physical Development, PSED	Story sequencing and retelling Exploring materials and problem-solving Discussing characters' choices and outcomes EYFS: Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World, PSED

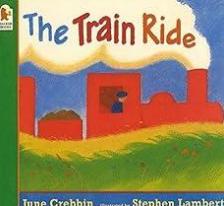


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June	<p>Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?</p> 	<p>Identify colours, repetition, and pattern. CL, Maths, Literacy</p>	<p>Look at bright colours; respond to images.</p>	<p>Join in words/actions, colour match.</p>	<p>Create own version of the book; sorting and patterning</p>
July	<p>The Train Ride</p>	<p>Develop vocabulary related to travel and the environment familiar journeys and experiences</p>	<p>Look at pictures of trains and animals in the book -Listen to train sounds and</p>	<p>Use toy trains to go on a "journey" around the room Explore transport-themed songs (e.g.,</p>	<p>Retell the story with props or sequencing cards - Draw or paint their own journey (e.g., to</p>

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			rhythms (e.g., "chug-chug", "whoo-whoo") - Explore toy trains and track textures .	<i>Down by the Station)</i> - Talk about what they see when they travel	the beach, grandma's house) - Build a large cardboard train and engage in role play ("Tickets, please!")
August	Whatever Next	Use imagination, develop storytelling and understanding of space. CL, UW	Explore space textures (foil, boxes). Learning and implanting key phrases adding on what already know	Learning to take turns group building games, junk modelling making a spaceship Can make simple choices	Re-enact story; draw what they'd take to space; build a rocket.