

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are working with BookTrust, the **UK's largest children's reading charity**, to get more families reading together.

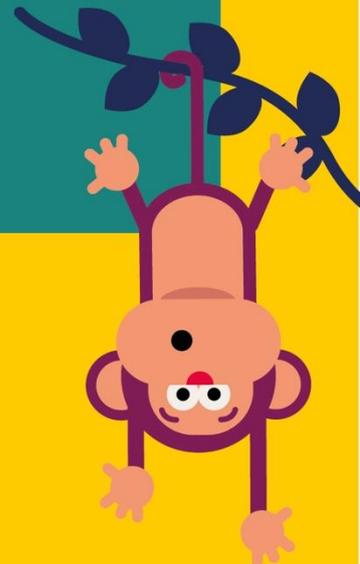
Your child has received a **book pack from BookTrust**, which has been designed to make reading a fun and rewarding activity to do as a family.

BookTrust 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 you can do to bring the books to life. You can find more ideas for using your pack by visiting BookTrust's Family Hub: booktrust.org.uk/familyhub



BookTrust really values your feedback. You can let them know how you get on with your packs and resources by filling in a short feedback survey at:

booktrust.org.uk/bookstart-england-ni-survey

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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