

How does Bookbug support children with additional needs?



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Background to Bookbug programme

- In every local authority and health board in Scotland
- Funded by the Scottish Government
- 240,000 Bookbug Bags gifted each year
- 700,000 attendees at Bookbug Sessions every year



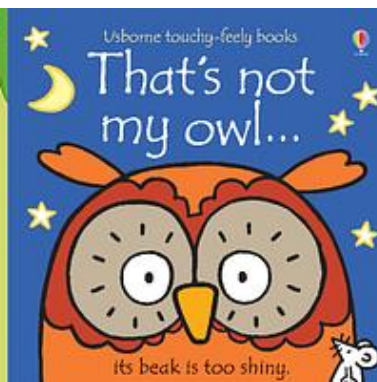
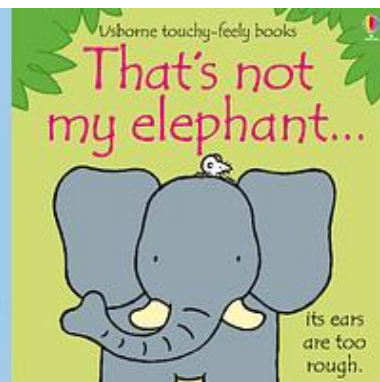
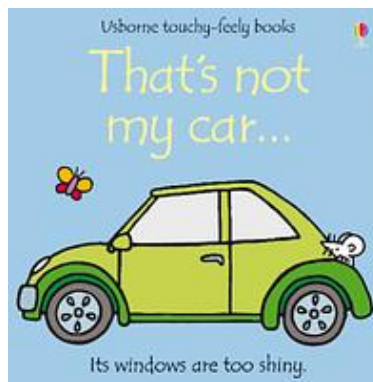
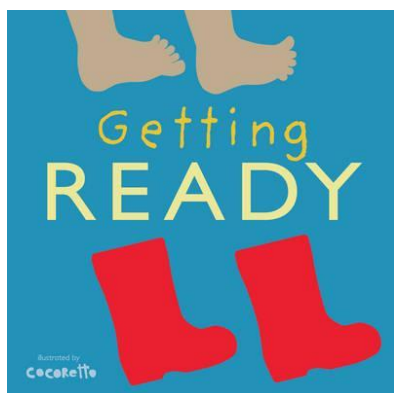
Main aim

Encourage families to talk, sing, read and cuddle with their children from birth, and even before.



Tactile Books





“I use them every day. All my families have commented on how good they are. One family with a child with global delay and is autistic has said it’s the only book their child engages with and is great to see as it is helping with communication and everyday life when going outside.”

- Early Years Practitioner, Glasgow



Video

Off to the Beach



Watch Amelia enjoy the sounds and textures of *Off to the Beach*, a tactile book available to children and families with additional support needs.

Amelia is quite busy playing on her rocking horse – but that doesn't mean she isn't engaged with the story. She joins in with words – repeating and chatting through

Symbolised resources



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The symbol resources can be used with pupils with Additional Support Needs and those with communication difficulties as well as children with English as an Additional Language (EAL).

The symbol resources consist of:

- ✓ **Go Talk 9+ overlays** (for recorded speech output) or can simply be printed out and used as low tech symbol boards which the child can point to as they talk about each story.
- ✓ There are also **Big Mack switch tops** and **Little Step switch tops** for the repetitive phrases in the story, which can be used by those with complex communication support needs.
- ✓ **Vocabulary sheets** to go with each board are provided to help parents and staff record and use the appropriate vocabulary for each story.

This year's books



- [The Cow Who Fell To Earth](#)
by Nadia Shireen.
- [The Lion Inside](#)
by Rachel Bright and illustrated by Jim Field.
- [The Same But Different Too](#)
by Karl Newson and illustrated by Kate Hindley.

Have a look...



In addition you can [request accessible digital versions](#) of this year's Bookbug Picture Book.



Bookbug

hooray!



woo woo!



blast off!



Sheep



help



go



Dave



not



moon



Chicken



home



star



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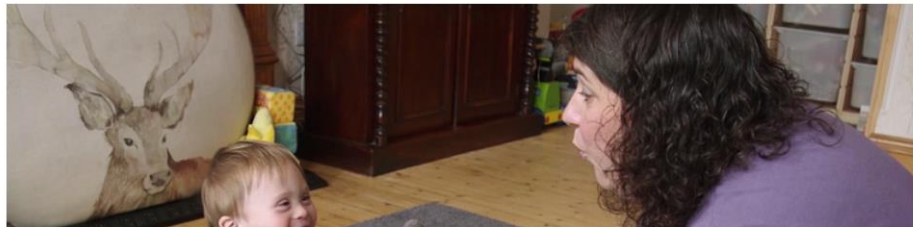
Share



Looking for more in [Reading and Stories](#) or [Bookbug](#)?

Sharing books with children with additional support needs

All children learn and develop in different ways. In order to inspire a lifelong love of stories, it's important to find the right books - and the best ways of sharing them - for each individual child.



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10 things to do with any book (ASN)

Learning type: Classroom activity

Category: Get inspired, Talking and listening

Programme: Bookbug Picture Book Prize, Book Week Scotland, First Ministers Reading Challenge, Live Literature, Read Write Count, Scottish Friendly Children's Book Tour

Language: English

Age group: 3-5, 6-8, 9-11, 12-14

By adding interesting playful activities and sensory elements to reading aloud, we can help children with additional support needs engage with and understand stories. This resource contains activity ideas which can be used with any picture book to make it fun, exciting and enjoyable read. The activity ideas are:

- Create a sensory story (estimated time: 10-15mins)
- Multi-sensory page turn surprise (estimated time: 10-15mins)
- Create a tactile version of the book (estimated: 1-2 hours)
- Story trace (estimated time: 10-15mins)
- Heroes and villains (estimated time: 1-2 hours)
- Happy or sad (estimated time: 20-30mins)



Accessible Bookbug Sessions

The Hello Song (Makaton)

Song type: Actions

Audience: Baby, 3-5, Toddler

Topics: [Bookbug](#)





<https://youtu.be/lptd7ZW2Y78>



British Sign Language project



- x2 BSL films
- BSL app/web development



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