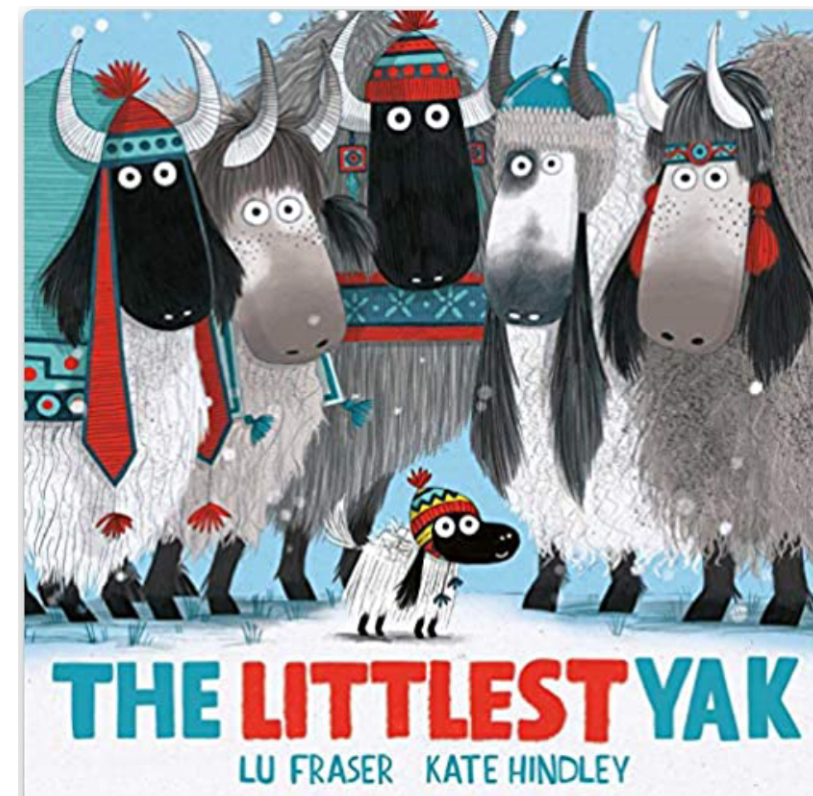


To help you get the best out of the book here are some ideas to talk about when reading aloud with your child. We hope you and your child enjoy reading together!



'The Littlest Yak'  
by Lu Fraser

Watch and listen  
in English



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Watch and listen  
in Gaelic



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### Before Reading

Before you begin to read, look at the picture on the front cover.

- **“What kind of animal can you see?”**
- Explain that the animal is a Yak. **“Do you know anything about Yaks?” “Do you think they look like any other animals?” “Where do you think they live?”**
- **“How do you think this yak is feeling? What makes you say that?”**
- Read the title aloud: **“I wonder how the yak feels about being so little!”**

### During Reading

- **“Why do think Gertie wanted to grow up so much?”**
- **“How do you think Gertie felt when she tried really hard but she never got bigger?”**
- **“If you were Gertie how would you have felt when the big yaks came asking for help?”**
- **“I wonder how Gertie felt as she headed up the steep mountain?”**

### After Reading

- **“What was your favourite part of the story? Why?”**
- **“In the story Littlest Yak saved the Teeniest Yak who was stuck. Has anyone helped you when you have been lost or stuck somewhere? How did it make you feel?”**
- **“The Littlest Yak was able to save the Teeniest Yak because she was small. What else is good about being small?”**

## Move It



As you read the story aloud bring it alive by making noises and moving like Gertie.

Exaggerate the sound words that tell us how Gertie moves. Encourage your child to make the sound of the 'clip clop' of her hooves; is there anything at home which can make this noise?

Join in with your child moving like Gertie. They will love hopping and skipping, squeezing along a ledge, and leaping and springing just like Gertie.

Have fun!

## Here We Go On Our Ponies

Have fun singing to this song about ponies?

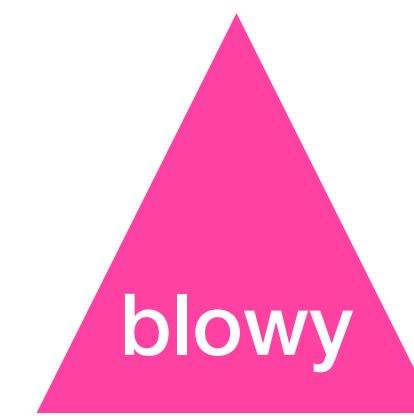
Gallop around the room saying, "**Hello**", to all your toy friends and family.



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## Rhyme Time

There are lots of rhyming words in the book. Help your child to find words in the book that rhyme with these words.



Can you find any other rhyming words in the book?

## Helping Others

In the story the Littlest Yak helped the Teeniest Yak by rescuing him from the mountain. Talk to your child about a time they helped someone.

Can they draw a picture of what they did?

How did it make them feel?

