

Activity 1 – Reading and sharing books

Set up a cosy book nook

What to do

- Set up the book nook together. You can make this as simple or decorated as you like. For example, a shoe box with books inside, a cushion and a cuddly toy, or a pop-up tent, fairy lights, sleeping bag, torch and cuddly toy and decorated book box. You might start simple and develop the nook over time.
- Rotate the books in the nook each week, including your child with the process – some books will be too favourite to swap out!

What you need

A selection of books in a box
Cushions, blankets, soft toys etc.
A cosy spot (*in a corner, by a window, under a table, in a pop-up tent, etc.*)



Extension

Theme the nook, working together to make paper bunting, reading posters and other decorations on a theme or favourite book, e.g. a Gruffalo's cave.
Make some books to add to the nook, folding paper and writing together (*see Writing Activities 6*).
Move the nook to new locations for variety.

Questions to ask

Where shall we have the book nook?
What would make it cosy?
Which books shall we have first?
How could we make the box look special?
Which toy would be great to read your books to?