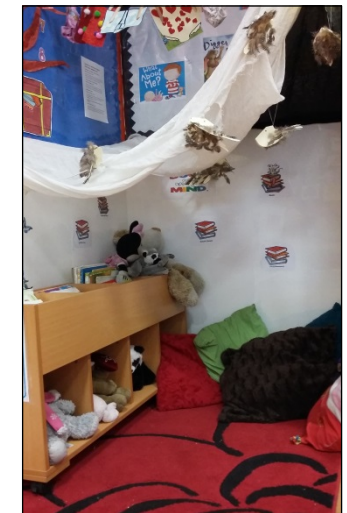


Books for 2 year olds

Sharing books is a great way to support children's early language development. Research tells us the more time children spend looking at books with adults in the early years, the better their language and literacy skills later on. For 2 year old children, it's important to choose the right books as well as create an environment which is warm, cosy and invites curling up with a book! Being responsive to how children choose to interact with the book is also important, following their lead and talking about what they are interested in is more important than reading all the words.

Suggested books for 2 year olds

- The Very Hungry Caterpillar – Eric Carle
- Where's Spot? – Eric Hill
- Dear Zoo – Rod Campbell
- We're going on a Bear Hunt – Michael Rosen & Helen Oxenbury
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See? – Eric Carle
- Doing The Washing – Sarah Garland
- Banana- Ed Vere
- Hooray for Fish – Lucy Cousins
- Ten Little Fingers, Ten Little Toes – Mem Fox & Helen Oxenbury
- I'm hungry – Rod Campbell
- Buster Gets Dressed – Rod Campbell
- Dig, Dig, Digging – Margaret Mayes & Alex Ayliffe
- Monkey and Me – Emily Gravett
- Toddle Waddle – Julia Donaldson & Nick Sharratt
- Things I like – Anthony Browne
- That's not my.... – Fiona Watt & Rachel Wells
- Maisy books – Lucy Cousins
- Clip Clip- Nicola Smee
- The Noisy book-Soledad Bravi



Encourage parents to share books with their children by creating a **'book swap corner'** ask for donation or visit the local charity shops to create your own lending library. Make sure it's in an easily accessible place e.g. by the entrance and encourage parents to let their child choose books regularly to share at home.

Homemade books with photos/cut out pictures grab children's attention

Real life events are easier to understand and relate to- especially **photographs**

Repetition, rhythm and rhyme help to keep attention

Interactive books with **flaps, holes and textures** help children join in