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Dear Providers

Thank you to those who attended the Covid 19 briefing last week. You can find the link to the recording below and the PowerPoint presentation attached. There are some updates around the new tier system, Healthy Start and Help Us, Help You campaign by the NHS. Included for Black History Month is a link to NSPC site which talks about impact of racism on children. I have shared my favourite inclusive books together with a link to videos in which stories are read out loud by Nathan with great enthusiasm.

We are here for any questions or support that you need – please stay in touch with us about any suspected and confirmed cases.

Best wishes to you

Kallie – Team Leader, Kerry, Elaine, & Rebecca – Advisors, Danielle & Janet – Funding



Main telephone lines are not fully available but if you provide a phone number we will call you right back and speak to you in person – we are open 9am – 5pm Mon - Fri.

Parents FIS@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Providers Childcare-support@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Miss a copy of the e-bulletin?

Catch up here and check out links to important information sources

https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/info/200283/nurseries_and_early_learning/2183/early_years_team_information_for_providers/2



→ Early years and childcare information for professionals

→ Key information and resource links for early years and childcare providers

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Monthly newsletter

The latest updates and information for early years professional working in Royal Greenwich.

Early years professional newsletter →

**Actions for early years and childcare during
Coronavirus (Covid 19) outbreak**

Update briefing Autumn 2020

Updated 13 Oct

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Thank you to all providers who attended and participated in the briefings provided last week. Key messages were shared.

Some providers did or were not able not attend.

Please watch with your staff the latest recording of the up-to-date briefing including responses to questions asked by providers. Now available on YouTube. PDF also attached.

https://youtu.be/bRm_2lhphxk

This is to ensure that all providers are clear about steps to take to keep staff and children safe and to respond swiftly to a suspected or confirmed case.

Aims of the Actions briefing

- update on latest DFE and PHE guidance
- in depth review of the Actions guidance
- implementing system of controls
- what do if you have suspected or confirmed case

Links to all websites and gov.uk documents are provided throughout – to open hyperlink, right click or double click with your mouse

ALL STAFF TO WATCH RECORDING OF BRIEFING - YOUTUBE NOW!

https://youtu.be/bRm_2lhphxk



Covid 19 Three Tier Alert System

Key message for early years, schools and childcare providers

- At each of the levels, it is clear that it is anticipated schools and childcare providers **will remain open** to all children.
- There is provision in the guidance for restrictions in local areas but it is a last resort measure.

Covid-19 three tier alert system in England

Medium

Follow the rule of six if meeting indoors or outdoors
Pubs and restaurants to shut at 10pm

High

No household mixing indoors
Rule of six will apply outdoors

Very high

No household mixing indoors or outdoors
Pubs and bars not serving meals will be closed
Guidance against travelling in and out of the area
Rule of six applies to outdoor places like parks and beaches

BBC

Prime Minister's Statement to Parliament



<https://www.youtube.com/embed/3ixHn432FZA>

Read details of tier system at links below

Press release

Prime Minister announces new local COVID Alert Levels

Details on new local COVID Alert Levels set out by the Prime Minister.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-announces-new-local-covid-alert-levels>

Guidance

Local COVID alert levels: what you need to know

Information on local COVID alert levels, including what they mean, why they are being introduced and what the different levels are.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-covid-alert-levels-what-you-need-to-know>

Find out the coronavirus restrictions in a local area

Postcode Checker to confirm Tier status in your area at link below

<https://www.gov.uk/find-coronavirus-local-restrictions?priority-taxon=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611-e3109cce8eae>

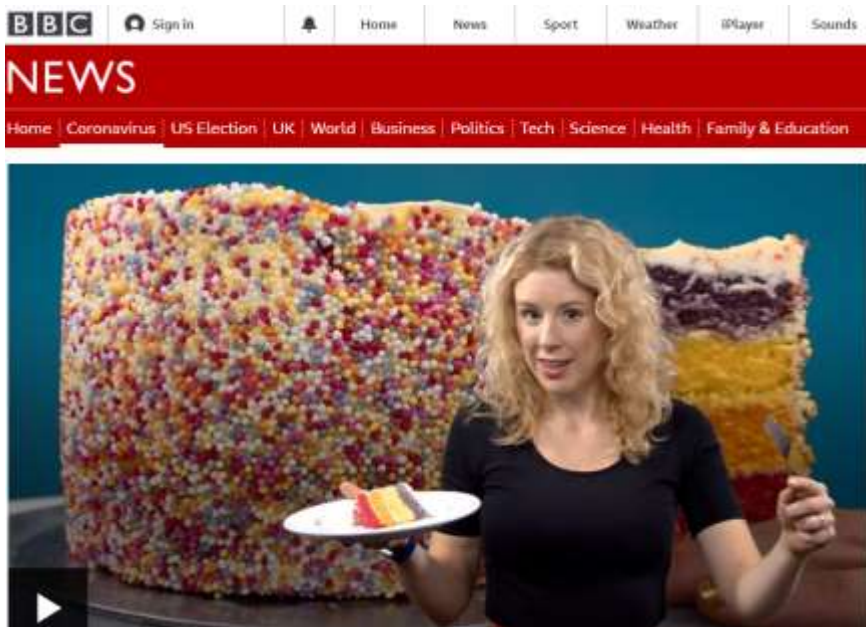
Policy paper

Slides and datasets to accompany coronavirus press conference: 12 October 2020

Slides and datasets on coronavirus presented by the Chief Medical Officer Chris Whitty.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/slides-and-datasets-to-accompany-coronavirus-press-conference-12-october-2020>

Simple explainer by the BBC <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/health-54511965>



Three Tier posters

<https://coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/COVID-19-Tiering-System/resources/Posters/>

<p>LOCAL COVID ALERT LEVEL MEDIUM</p>	<p>Education</p> <p>Schools, FE colleges open. Universities must reflect wider restrictions.</p>		<p>Childcare</p> <p>Registered and wraparound childcare open. Supervised activities permitted in private homes. Children's groups permitted.</p>
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Public Health
England



Test and Trace

COVID-19 early outbreak management

Early years settings

Who should use this information?

Leadership and management of early years providers, as well as childcare and childminders to children between 0-5 years. This does not cover nannies or au pairs. This information provides key steps to quickly identify and contain any potential COVID-19 outbreak. If you are concerned about other possible health issues then you should follow your existing processes.

For England only.

Types of actions you may need to put in place include:



Enhanced hygiene, hand washing and cleaning regimes, and use of personal protective equipment (PPE).



Increased staff/children/parents/carers' awareness of and adherence to the system of controls.



Temporary partial closure to a setting or building.

<https://coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/reporting-an-outbreak/resources/Education-Action-Cards/>

COVID-19 resources hub

→ | PDF

This hub includes all the latest policy announcements, Government guidance, and free resources from across the sector to support all early years providers during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Government policy and guidance



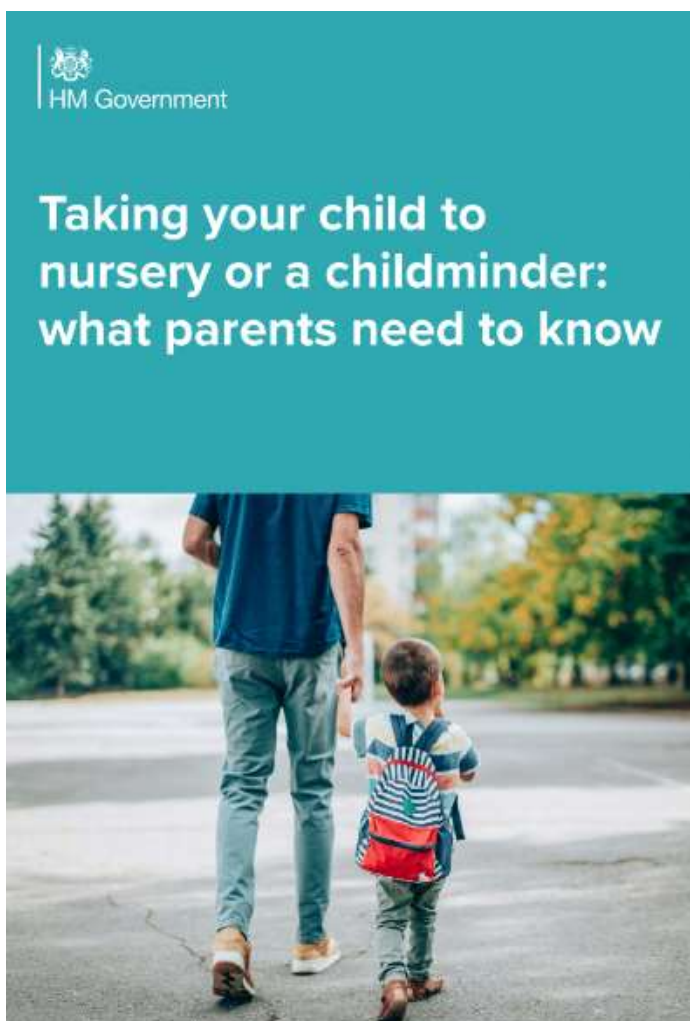
Resources for early years settings



Resources for parents and carers



<https://foundationyears.org.uk/2020/09/covid-19-resources-hub/>



<https://showcase.dropbox.com/s/COVID-19-Back-to-School-Safely-content-Autumn-2020-8yzReowxp5v0L47hf>

New Translated parent reassurance leaflets available for nurseries & childminders (in 14 languages including Urdu, Turkish, French and others)

Video for parents



<https://showcase.dropbox.com/s/COVID-19-Back-to-School-Safely-content-Autumn-2020-8yzReowxp5v0L47hf>

Guidance

Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

Updated 22 September 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures>

You must take **swift action** when you become aware that someone who has attended your setting has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19).

Contact the dedicated advice service introduced by Public Health England (PHE) and delivered by the NHS Business Services Authority. This can be reached by calling the **DfE Helpline on 0800 046 8687 and selecting option 1** for advice on the action to take in response to a positive case.

Notify Ofsted, RBG Early Years & Childcare and RBG PH Team by email with attached notification Excel form below

enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk

Childcare-support@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

healthprotection@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Covid 19 Actions to take during Coronavirus Outbreak Update Briefing NOW on YouTube

https://youtu.be/bRm_2lhphxk

Confirmed or suspected with symptoms to self isolate for 10 days. Close contacts to self isolate for 14 days:

- direct close contacts - **face to face contact** with an infected individual for any length of time, within 1 metre, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin to skin)
- extended close contact (**within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes**) with an infected individual
- **travelling in a small vehicle**, like a car, with an infected person

If settings have **2 or more confirmed cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence** where coronavirus (COVID-19) is suspected, settings may have an **outbreak**, and should work with their local health protection team who will be able to advise if additional action is required.

**Covid 19 Responding
to a Suspected
/Confirmed Case**

Child / staff member develops Covid-19 symptoms:

- High temperature
- New continuous cough
- Loss of or change to sense of smell or taste

Send child / staff member home immediately to isolate for at least **10 days** and notify household members to isolate for 14 days

If child is waiting to be collected, separate from group (room or 2m if no room) and isolate with **one** member of staff

Staff member to wear PPE until child has left and then safely discard PPE

clean all areas affected

all in contact with child/staff to wash hands

(Follow **Cleaning of non-health care settings** guidance)

Child / staff member should arrange to have a test within 8 days <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call NHS 119

NEGATIVE

Child / staff member can **return** to setting and household members can end 14 day isolation

POSITIVE

Rest of children and staff in **close contact** sent home to isolate for 14 days (whole of childminder household)

POSITIVE

Other household members of those in close contact sent home **do not** need to isolate unless the child / staff member sent home develops symptoms

You must IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY

1. Telephone new PHE / DFE helpline **0800 046 8687** select Option 1
2. Local Authority Early Years and Childcare and Public Health team via notification form childcare-support@royalgreenwich.gov.uk and healthprotection@royalgreenwich.gov.uk
3. Ofsted enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk

Outbreak - if two or more confirmed cases within 14 days or overall rise in sickness absence where COVID-19 suspected – PHE local health protection to advise on additional actions phe.slhpt@nhs.net; slhpt.oncall@phe.gov.uk

An Inspector Calls...

Statutory guidance

Early years foundation stage: coronavirus disapplications

Updated 7 October 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2/early-years-foundation-stage-coronavirus-disapplications>

Click on the links to read what the guidance says

[1.Introduction](#)

[2.Who is this for?](#)

[3.When do these changes apply?](#)

[4.Disapplications for the early years foundation stage section 1](#)

[5.Disapplications for the early years foundation stage section 2](#)

[6.Disapplications for the early years foundation stage section 3](#)

[7.Staff qualifications and ratios during any period of intervention related to coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

The original disapplications came into force on 24 April 2020 and ended on 25 September 2020. These disapplications were reviewed on a monthly basis.

Provisions were made in the regulations to allow for a transitional period of up to 2 months (up to 25 November 2020) for disapplications around staffing levels to continue in recognition that some providers may need some time to get back to full staffing levels once the disapplications are lifted.

BOOK YOUR Paediatric First Aid with eyc.training@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Priority places available for providers

- **PFA certificates have expired or are due to expire before 25 November**
- **Childminders offering funded places**
- **Groupcare where ratios would be affected**
- **All other Childminders and Groupcare staff**



CORONAVIRUS

Fact sheet for kids



WHAT IS CORONAVIRUS?

A coronavirus is a type of virus. Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a new strain of coronavirus, which means no-one has caught it before and our bodies are not immune (protected) from it yet. It spreads very quickly and is making a lot of people poorly at the moment.

HOW DOES A VIRUS WORK?

1.

Your body is made up of millions of tiny cells.

2.

Viruses can't survive outside the body for long, so they try to get into our cells.

3.

When viruses get inside our cells, we get infected.

5.

Our body produces antibodies that fight the virus and help us get better.

4.

Once a cell is 'infected', the virus multiplies and can spread around the body.

WHY IS CORONAVIRUS DANGEROUS?

If the virus gets into the cells in our lungs, it can stop the cells from doing their job, which is to help us breathe.



WHO CAN CATCH IT?



Children can catch the virus just as easily as adults, but it doesn't make them as poorly.

Adults who are already poorly and elderly people are the most affected, but most people can get better from it.

HOW ARE SCIENTISTS TRYING TO KEEP US SAFE?

Scientists are working hard to find a Coronavirus vaccine. A vaccine can help protect the body from being infected.



REMEMBER

**IT ISN'T YOUR FAULT IF
SOMEONE YOU KNOW CATCHES
CORONAVIRUS.**

HOW CAN WE PROTECT OURSELVES?

The virus can spread very easily and we carry it and pass it onto others even if we don't feel poorly ourselves.

There are 2 important things we can do to protect ourselves, our friends and our family.



WASH YOUR HANDS

Washing your hands with soap and water helps get rid of the virus. This will prevent the virus from getting into our bodies and spreading to other people. Let's all remind one another to wash our hands!



AVOID OTHER PEOPLE

To stop the virus spreading, we need to keep away from other people and stay at home for a time. But don't worry - life will go back to normal!

newsround

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51698180>

A great video for children about washing hands

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51698180>



Early Years & Childcare Training

Paediatric First Aid courses are being booked and offered to those on wait list – if you would like to be added to the priority list, please email eyc.training@royalgreenwich.gov.uk Places will be allocated based on expiry dates of current certificates.

Area of EYFS	Training Courses and Workshops	Dates	Start Times	End Times
Safeguarding & Welfare	Intermediate Safeguarding	17/10/2020	09:30	12:30
	Designated Safeguarding Person	07/11/2020	09:30	12:30
	Intermediate Safeguarding	28/11/2020	09:30	12:30
New dates!	Paediatric First Aid – blended	02/12/2020	08:45	16:00
	Paediatric First Aid – blended	12/12/2020	08:45	16:00
	Paediatric First Aid – blended	19/12/2020	08:45	16:00
	Paediatric First Aid – blended	13/01/2021	08:45	16:00
	Paediatric First Aid – blended	16/01/2021	08:45	16:00

1:1 slots to support Risk Assessments and Systems of Controls advice available or drop ins for advice

To schedule email childcare-support@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Trainings & Briefings.

Please download free Zoom app on device of your choice <https://zoom.us/download>

 Book via usual Direct Services to Schools training link below. For info email eyc.training@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

[http://servicestoschools.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/courses/private,-voluntary-and-independent-\(pvi\)-and-childminders](http://servicestoschools.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/courses/private,-voluntary-and-independent-(pvi)-and-childminders)

IMPORTANT ACTIONS FOR PROVIDERS

DFE Data Collection Survey link to be completed

every WEDS by 5pm – this continues to be a requirement by the DFE

The weekly survey has been changed, made shorter!

It is really important that you complete it in order for the work you are doing to be reflected nationally

<https://wh.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=160258722722>

TOGETHER FOR TWOS

To ensure that during this period, children eligible for a Together for Twos are able to take it up – please see attached form.

You can signpost parents to the online checker:

<https://search3.openobjects.com/kb5/greenwich/fsd/fel.page> or a Children's Centre to check their eligibility or Families Information Service

Providers can now complete the form on behalf of the Children's Centres where parents are reluctant to attend different sites. It is preferable that the parent corresponds directly with the Children's Centre

To find your local Children's Centre -

https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/directory/15/childrens_centres

1. The form must be completed fully and signed
2. Providers must have sight of all evidence and to photocopy relevant documentation
3. Request Families Information Service, local Children's Centre or Early Years carry out eligibility check. Any questions call FIS on **020 8921 6921**
4. Email queries to fis@royalgreenwich.gov.uk or eyc-funding@royalgreenwich.gov.uk
5. FIS can also help signpost to local Children's Centres
6. Places will not be funded unless an eligible check has been carried by the local authority or the Children's Centre, evidence has been seen and forms are stored safely for audit.
7. It is important to make contact with your local Children's Centre in brokering places for 2 year olds. They must be informed and may request a copy of the form or evidence

'Help Us, Help You' campaign, 'Accessing NHS Services' launched 9 Oct

The campaign addresses the barriers that are deterring patients from accessing NHS services. This first phase focuses on encouraging the public to contact their GP if they are worried about a symptom that could be cancer.

Help Us, Help You -
Accessing NHS Services -
Cancer

The NHS has introduced a range of measures to ensure the safety of patients and the 'Help Us, Help You' campaign will help to reassure patients that they can receive medical care safely. Please see campaign toolkit for full details.

New assets available

You can now access [marketing and communications materials](#) to help support the Cancer phase of the campaign, including:

- [Campaign Toolkit](#) including key messages, long and short copy, press and PR content
- [Social media assets and post copy](#)
- [Downloadable A3 and A4 posters](#)

Further phases of the campaign focusing on specific cancers, maternity services, elective care and mental health will launch over the next few months.

Healthy Early Years London



What is Healthy Start?

With Healthy Start, you get free vouchers every week to spend on milk, fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables, fresh, dried, and tinned pulses, and infant formula milk. You can also get free vitamins.

Pregnant or have children under the age of four? You could qualify if you're on benefits, or if you're pregnant and under 18.

Voucher Expiry Dates

Due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic we've temporarily extended the validity of the Healthy Start vouchers by 4 weeks, giving you 12 weeks to use your entitlement, we will keep this under review.

This change will not reduce the number of vouchers you receive and registered retailers will continue to accept vouchers with extended expiry dates.



<https://livewellgreenwich.org.uk/livingwell/healthystart/> and <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

Two important changes to Healthy Start

- 1. Since April 6, 2020 a signature is NO LONGER required from a health professional on the application form.**
 - This means Part B on the application form can be left blank.
 - However, if pregnant, the estimated due date needs to be completed in Part B.
 - Don't forget the applicant still needs to sign the application in Part A, Section 7.
- 2. From October 1, 2020 pulses and canned fruit and vegetables have been added to list of eligible foods. Pulses include dried or canned beans, lentils and peas.**
 - What you can now buy with Healthy Start benefits:
 - Plain fresh or frozen fruits or vegetables where no salt, sugar, fat or flavouring has been added
 - Canned fruits in fruit juice or water (not syrup), and canned vegetables in water where no salt, sugar, fat or flavouring has been added
 - Dried or canned pulses which have not had salt, sugar, fat or flavouring added
 - Plain cow's milk – whole, semi-skimmed or skimmed; pasteurised, sterilised, long-life or UHT
 - Infant formula milk that can be used from birth (and is based on cow's milk)

HEALTHY
START

Keeping Children Safe



Talking to children about racism

Advice to help you understand how to talk to children about race and racism, and what you can do to support a child who's experiencing racial bullying.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/children-race-racism-racial-bullying/>

How racism affects children

Racism and racial abuse or bullying can be really distressing for children. When a child is [bullied](#) or treated differently because of their race, it can lead to feelings of isolation, [depression](#), anger or even shame about their race or how they look.

In 2019/20, Childline delivered 547 counselling sessions where racist bullying, racism or being bullied for spiritual, cultural or religious reasons were mentioned. In the same year, there were 75 contacts to the NSPCC helpline from adults with concerns about these issues.

Racism or racial bullying can be overt or openly hostile, such as being called racist names or being sent threats. Or it can be covert or harder to recognise, involving subtle comments that put a child down and devalue their experience or identity. Both types of racism are equally distressing for children and can have a significant impact on their [mental health](#).

How to talk to children about racism

If you're worried about a child experiencing racial bullying

Learn about race, racism and privilege

Have open conversations regularly

Try to make conversations age-appropriate

Talk about recent history and culture

Encourage children to appreciate diversity

Listen to them

Show them you care

Decide how you'll support them

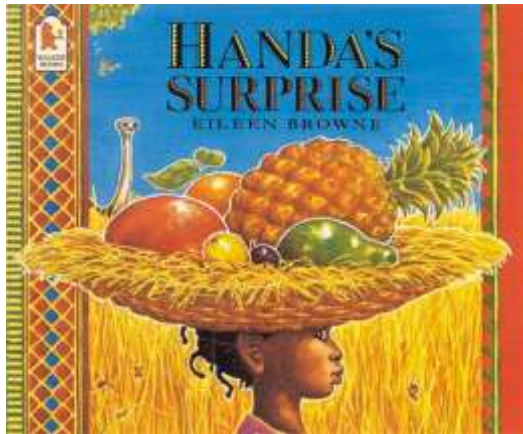
Help them get support

Report hate crime to the police



Books to Celebrate 365

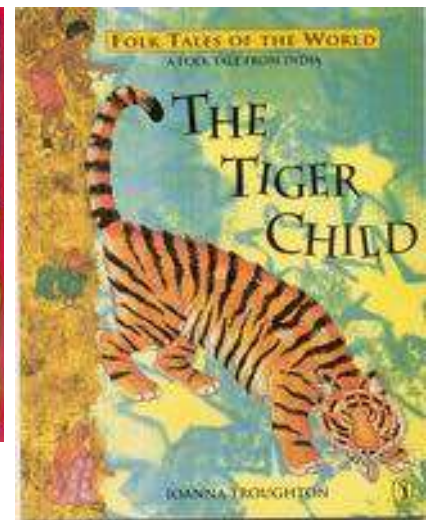
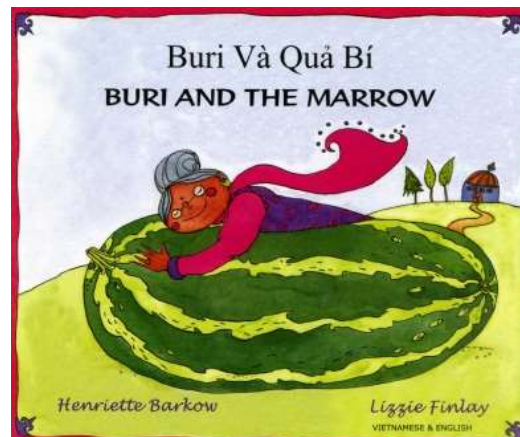
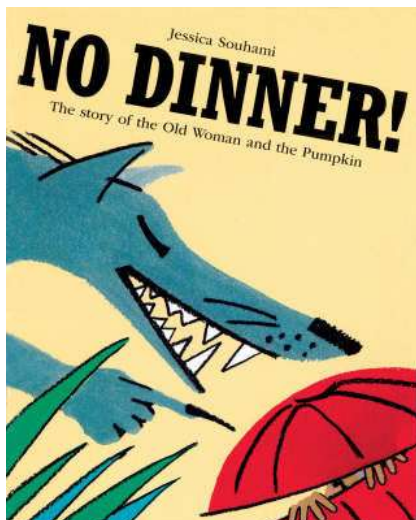
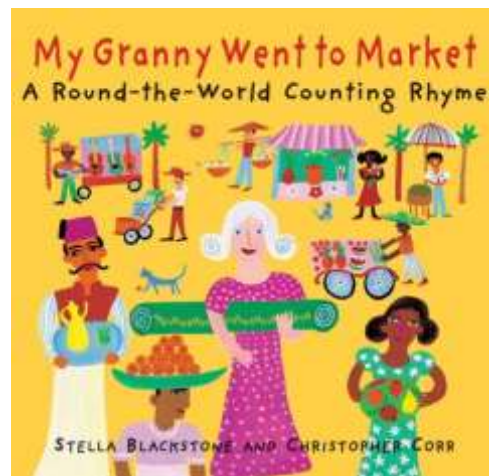
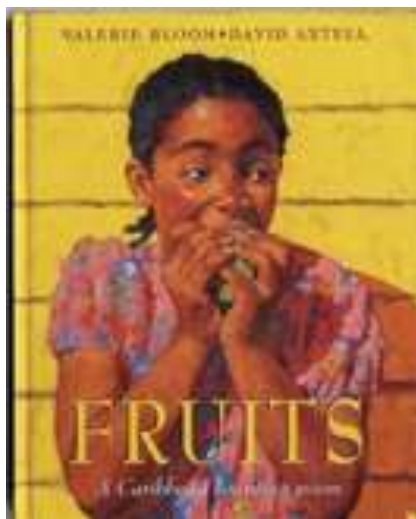
Kallie's All Time Favourite Children's Picture Books to bring to life

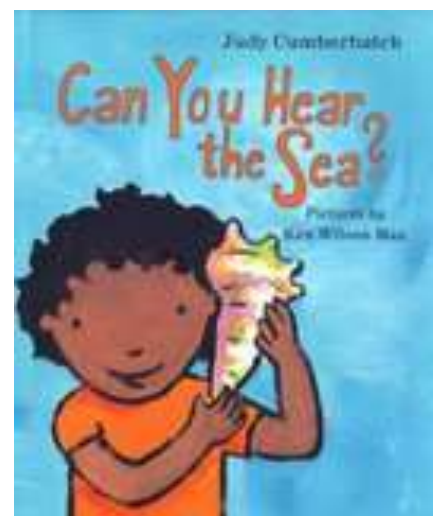
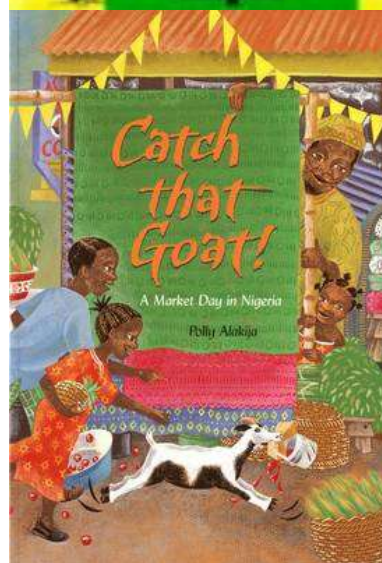
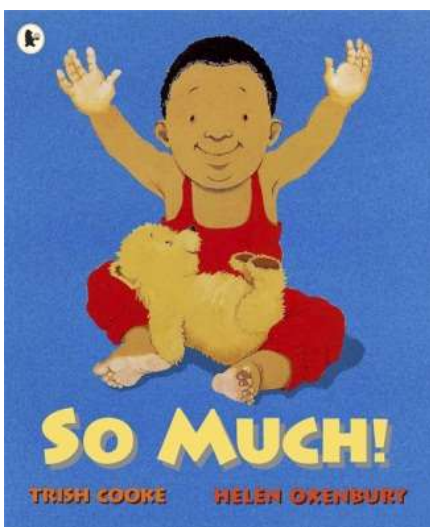
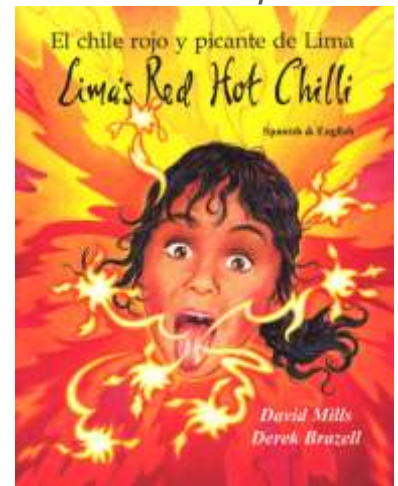
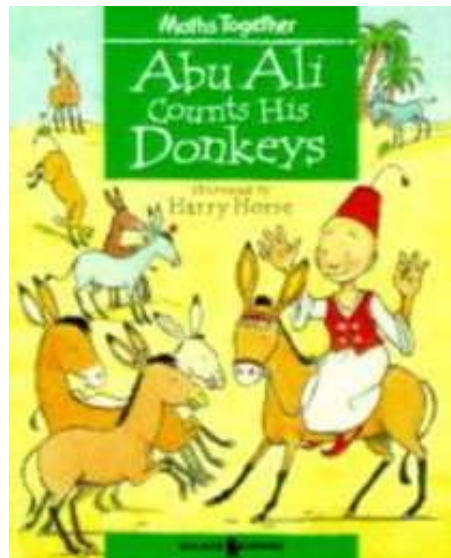
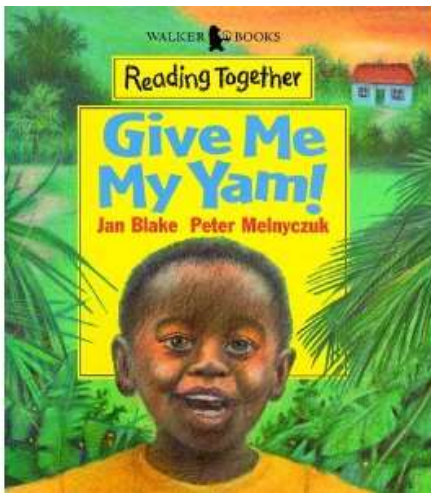


Make animal masks and creep, crawl, fly, stomp as you look for fruit (or pictures) hidden around the setting at home

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XyIV_xYi0as

If you liked sharing this book, here are some stories from around the world to try...





YouTube Video Stories



Full, Full, Full of Love <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bc4CA7w3rL4>

So Much! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o964_7P2Ur4

Catch that Goat <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LxVDZwTbjho>

Red Hot Chilli <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=725F7JwAqS4>

Digital Offers by **Children's Centres** and **Greenwich Libraries**

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/Greenwich-Libraries-375637446612900/videos/>



Children's Centres

To get in touch with your local Children's Centre by phone – you can find their contact details here

https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/directory/15/childrens_centres

EAST CHILDREN'S CENTRES

www.facebook.com/abbeywoodthamesmeadchildrenscentres

Telephone 020 8311 5491 / Email waterways@gll.org

SOUTH GREENWICH CHILDREN'S CENTRES

www.facebook.com/southgreenwichchildrenscentres

Tel: 020 8859 1110 / Email: SGCCSM@gll.org

GREENWICH WEST CHILDREN'S CENTRES

Website: <https://www.quaggydevelopmenttrust.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/quaggycc>

Follow Halo the Hippo <https://www.facebook.com/halothehippo>

CENTRAL GREENWICH CHILDREN'S CENTRES

<http://www.homestartgreenwich.org.uk/>

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