Reading & Singing with your Child

Using open-ended questions throughout a story assists with keeping a child engaged with a story and in meaningful conversations about it. There are many other benefits for using open-ended questions, for example; it allows children to be creative, express their thoughts, ideas, opinions, develop their language and have a larger vocabulary. You can use questions such as: “What do you think will happen next?”, “What does this make you think of?” or “How can we solve this problem?”. With young children, it is great to use interactive books that involve simple actions, words for children to repeat and stories that go for a few minutes, Kindergarten-aged children can generally focus on stories for up to 20 minutes’ duration.

BOOK OF THE WEEK

We’re Going on a Bear Hunt — is an interactive story, that you and your child can engage together through actions and movements while going on a bear hunt journey adventure. There is also an engaging song to sing of the story.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kL36gMrHJaI

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_ShP3fiEhU

SONG OF THE WEEK

Shake my Sillies Out — is also a lovely action and movement song for both parent and child to engage together in.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yf02Nr8mjgk
Music in June

Music helps the body and the mind to work together, it accelerates brain development by processing sound, language development, speech perception and reading skills. Music encourages children to learn different tones, beats rhythms and meanings of words, therefore during the early years of development it is important to provide singing and music into their everyday experiences. At home, singing can play a positive role throughout your family daily routine; at feeding time, nappy changing time, bath time, sleep time and playtime.

**Itsy Bitsy Spider Hand Puppet** — All you need is paper and pipe cleaners. Cut a round paper cut out with a long line cut out for your child’s fingers. Add pipe cleaners for the legs and be creative with your face. Another idea is putting old socks into use, you can make a sock spider puppet, using paper or pegs for the legs.

**Routine Songs** — Creating songs to sing for routines will help engage your child to participate in a fun and positive way.

**Drum Making** — Using tins in assorted sizes and other tubs or containers from the kitchen can make interesting drums, children can be creative and decorate drums in many different ways, you can use lids, materials or balloons to cover the top of the tins or tubs. Children will love to listening to the different beats of the drum, exploring loud beats, soft beats, fast and slow beats.
Darebin Libraries are producing two Storytime sessions per week on Monday and Wednesday at 10.15am and two Rhyme time sessions per week on Tuesday and Thursday at 10.15am. These sessions can be viewed at any time after they are posted on the Darebin Libraries Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/darebinlibraries](http://www.facebook.com/darebinlibraries).

There will also be a semi-regular “Wildcard” session on Fridays at 10.15am, it may be a special craft activity or an author event.

**ONLINE LEARNING RESOURCES**

Darebin Libraries Online Digital learning is an available resource that caters for the whole family.

**COVID 19 Resources and Information**

Commencing the 1st June there are more easing with restrictions. For the latest information and advice on Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Victoria and in other languages, visit the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) website.


All Grade 3 to Year 10 will commence back to face to face learning at school on Tuesday 9th June. COVID 19 has impacted adults and children in a number of ways, it is difficult for children to understand why there are changes when they can’t physically see the virus/germ. Below is a link of a story that you can share with your child, it is called Georgie and the Giant Germ.


Please find attached a Return to School Kit for Carers, a resource developed with DHHS to support carers who have children and/or young people returning to school post-COVID.


New Multilingual COVID-19 App information is available for families to access and obtain information resources and support services. See the web address below. A flyer is also attached at the end of this newsletter.

PARENTING PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

- **Parent Child Mother Goose** [https://www.parentchildmothergooseaustralia.org.au/](https://www.parentchildmothergooseaustralia.org.au/)
- **ParentZone Northern** [https://www.anglicarevic.org.au/events/](https://www.anglicarevic.org.au/events/)
- **Raising Children - First 1000 Days: Conception to 2 years**
  [https://raisingchildren.net.au/guides/first-1000-days?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI2viZ3OOh6QIVByUrCh3nNARREAAYASAAEgKkbfD_BwE](https://raisingchildren.net.au/guides/first-1000-days?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI2viZ3OOh6QIVByUrCh3nNARREAAYASAAEgKkbfD_BwE)

Subscription to What’s on for Families eNewsletter


CONTACT US

All enquiries and feedback regarding Community Playgroups in Darebin should be directed to:

Early Years Leader: **0413 807 858** Email: **early.years@darebin.vic.gov.au**
Welcome to MyAusCovid-19

Migration Council Australia (MCA) has developed a multilingual resource for Australia’s culturally and linguistically diverse communities about COVID-19, its impact and available support.

MyAusCovid-19 app is available in 25 languages

With the MyAusCovid-19 app you can:

- Browse articles to find out more about COVID-19, tips for prevention, caring for individuals and community, information on government response, and access to healthcare, financial assistance and support
- Search for topics or points of interest
- View short animations with helpful summaries of specific topics
- Find useful tips and contacts to help you adjust during COVID-19

The following languages are available in the app:

- العربية
- Burmese
- Cantonese
- Dari
- English
- Français
- Greek
- Bahasa Indonesia
- Italiano
- Japanese
- Karen
- Khmer
- 한국어
- Arabic
- Persian
- Punjabi
- Russian
- Somali
- Spanish
- Tagalog
- Tamil
- Thai
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

Download the app from:

MyAusCovid-19.org.au