

FLORIADE REIMAGINED

Activities for children aged 0-5 years
with Libraries ACT



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Online Floriade programs with libraries

We've got plenty of great activities and programs for you to watch, listen, download and do at home with us during Floriade Reimagined. See what's on at www.library.act.gov.au

Make sure you check out all the other regular Online Story Times, Bilingual Story Times and Giggle & Wiggle Online too. Plus, if you can't get outdoors, we've got some great free digital resources for kids to try.



Floriade Reimagined Online Story Time

Enjoy special flower and nature themed Online Story Times featuring our friendly Libraries ACT staff reading stories perfect for 0-5 year olds.



Floriade Reimagined Giggle & Wiggle Online

Get singing and grooving with your little ones and our Floriade Giggle & Wiggle Online videos. Lyrics for the featured songs are on the following pages.



Little Listeners Podcast series

Are you ready for a fabulous, interactive listening and imagining experience? Join Left Lane Outreach Theatre for their first Little Listeners Podcast series.



Story Stones

Spark your little storyteller's imagination and create your own Story Stones. A great interactive way to help children see how stories work and help make their journey of learning to write and read more meaningful and successful.



Floriade-inspired crafts with Kerri

Join Kerri as she shares books from the library with some great craft activities that you can do at home with the kids this spring. She even has a simple paper tulip craft construction you can follow along with!

Floriade Giggle & Wiggle song lyrics

Sing these classic songs with your baby during spring and build their language skills, all while you have fun together!

Counting songs

When babies are born it is hard for them to see their fingers. This is a great opportunity to touch your child's fingers as you count.

Counting little tulips

One little, two little, three little tulips

Four little, five little, six little tulips

Seven little, eight little, nine little tulips

Ten little tulips on my hand!

They open and they close and they open
all together

They open and they close and they open
all together

They open and they close and they open
all together

Ten little tulips on my hands!

5 fat peas in a pea pod pressed

*(Count your fingers individually first
before the rhyme)*

Five fat peas in a pea pod pressed
*(hand open and then fold fingers into
palm)*

One grew, two grew, and so did all the rest
(let a finger peel out one by one)

They grew and they grew and they
didn't stop
(wiggle fingers high into the air)

They grew and they grew and then
they POPPED!
(clap on popped)

Rocking songs

Hold baby in your arms and rock for these songs.

Lavender's Blue

Lavender's blue, dilly dilly,
Lavender's green

When you are king, dilly dilly,
I shall be queen

Who told you so, dilly dilly,
who told you so?

'Twas my own heart, dilly dilly,
that told me so.

Mary, Mary, quite contrary

Mistress Mary, quite contrary,

How does your garden grow?

With Silver Bells, And Cockle Shells,

And so my garden grows.

Floriade Giggle & Wiggle song lyrics (cont.)

Tickling songs

Round and round the garden like a teddy bear

Round and round the garden
(trace a circle on baby's palm)

Like a teddy bear

One step, two step,
(Use your fingers to walk up baby's arm)

Tickle you under there!
(tickle under baby's arms!)

Round and round the garden the little bunny goes

Round and round the garden
(hop your fingers in a circle around baby's palm)

The little bunny goes

Hippity hop, hippity hop
(hope your fingers up baby's arm)

I'm going to get your nose
(lightly pinch baby's nose!)

Fingerplay songs

Two little fairy wrens

(to the tune of Two Little Dickie Birds)

Two little fairy wrens
(hold one finger up on each hand, fold rest down)

Sitting on a hill, one named Jack, the other named Jill

Fly away Jack
(put one hand behind back)

Fly away Jill
(put other hand behind back)

Come back Jack
(bring one hand in front)

Come back Jill!
(bring other hand in front)

Little Robin redbreast

Little Robin Redbreast
(right hand extended in shape of a bird)

Sat upon a rail
(poised on extended forefinger of left hand)

Niddle noble went his head,

Widdle waggie went his tail.

Action game for toddlers

Ring-a-ring o' roses

(hold hands and walk in a circle)

Ring-a-ring o' roses,

A pocket full of posies,

A-tishoo! A-tishoo!

We all fall down!

Poems

Roses are red, Violets are blue

Roses are red, Violets are blue,

Sugar is sweet, and so are you!

Nature scavenger hunt

When you're out for a walk, see how many of these items you can find. Mark off each one when found and talk about them with your child. This is a fun way to practice observation, words relating to nature, labeling, describing and categorising.



What does it look like?



What does it feel like?



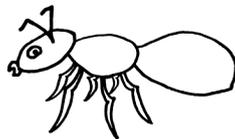
What does it sound like?



What does it smell like?



Ant



Ladybug



Bird



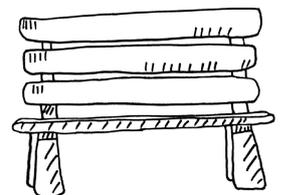
Leaf



Butterfly



Park Bench



Feather



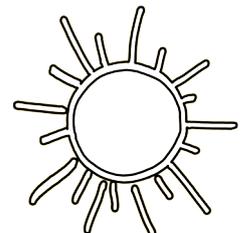
Rock



Flower



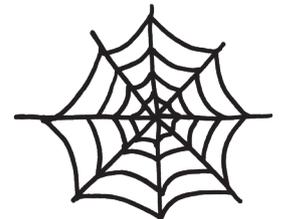
Sun



Grass



Web



Simple language and literacy activities you can do at home

It's never too early

It's never too early to talk and read with your baby! They learn how to interact with their environment from birth.

Speak your 'inner-monologue'

Speak your 'inner-monologue' as you do day-to-day tasks so your children can associate words with objects and actions and develop positive self-talk. For example, 'I'm cutting the bread carefully, so I won't get hurt. I'm trying a new recipe for dinner because it's fun to learn new things'

Sing songs

Sing songs to support daily routines like hand washing, getting dressed, packing up, and healthy eating.

Talk about texts

Talk about texts as they appear in the home and what their purpose is, such as in, recipes, magazines, letters, emails.

Make up silly rhymes & poems

Make up silly rhymes and poems to make each other laugh and to help your child understand language sounds.

Speak/read in mother language

Speak and read to your child in their mother language first, use English second. Developing a fluent mother tongue is essential and these skills will be transferred to English later!

Play games and use toys

Play Peek-a-boo and other language games like 'I Spy'. Use toys to make up stories or make simple finger puppets.

Build 'vocabulary bags'

Build 'vocabulary bags' or 'treasure baskets' with special objects around the home to bring out, touch and talk about. These can be photos of family, special toys or interesting objects with strange shapes and textures that build new vocabulary and topics of conversation.

Ask questions when watching

When watching TV, ask questions and talk about what is happening to your child so that they are actively viewing.

Classify and sort objects

Classify and sort objects – small, big, soft, rough, heavy, light etc. This could be done when it's time to tidy-up the toys!

Encourage pretending

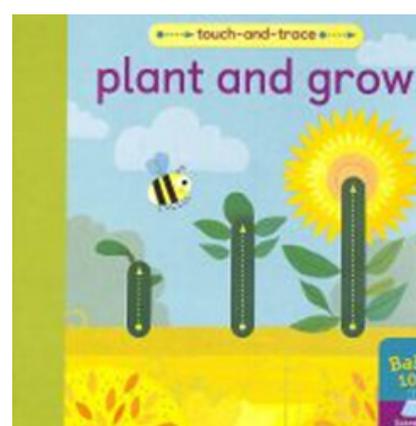
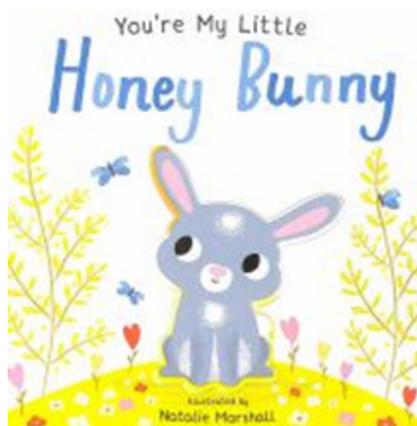
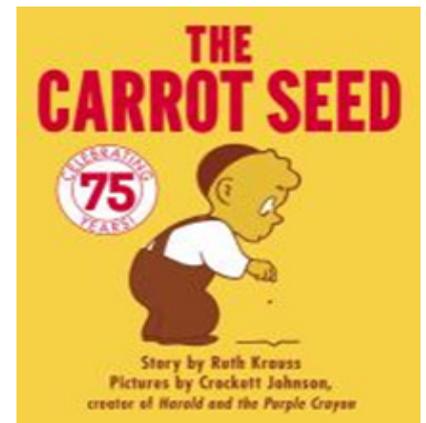
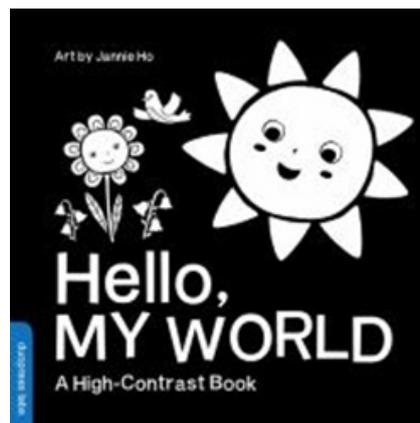
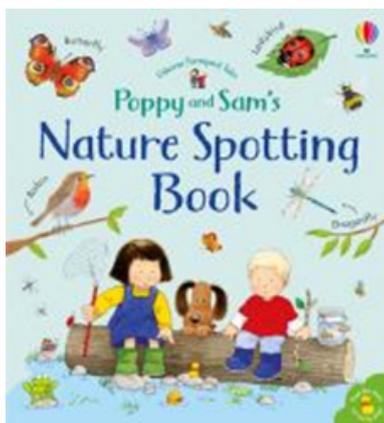
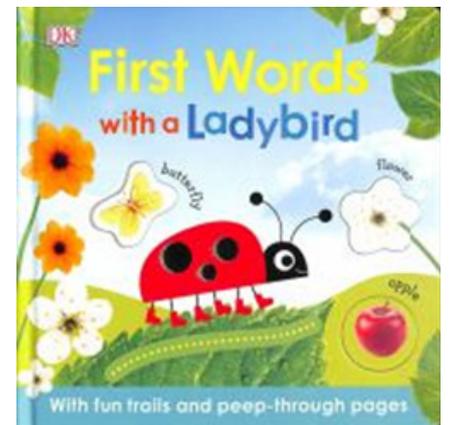
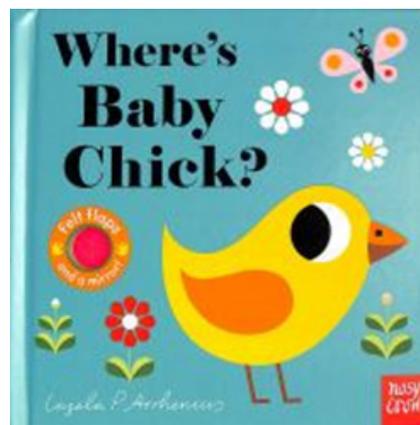
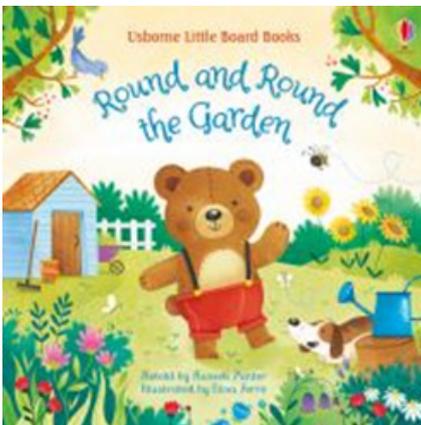
Encourage pretend reading, scribbling, writing and drawing to help them begin their literacy and develop fine motor skills!

Read to your child everyday

This can be with audio books, eBooks, oral storytelling, podcasts or books. If your child loses interest, stop and come back later! Eating time and before bed are great settled moments to bring in books.

Free resources for children: 0-2 years

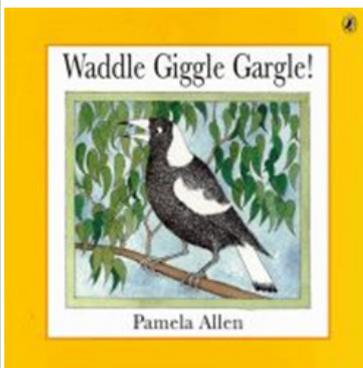
Board books for 0-2 years



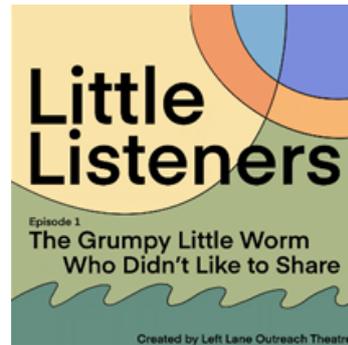
Free resources for children: 0-5 years

Stories for 3-5 years

From 12 September, join us for Online Story Times featuring some of these great stories (*):
<https://vimeo.com/showcase/librariesact-floriade2020>

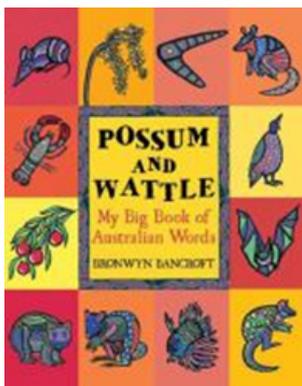


Oh no, it's a swooping Magpie! What will this family do to cope?



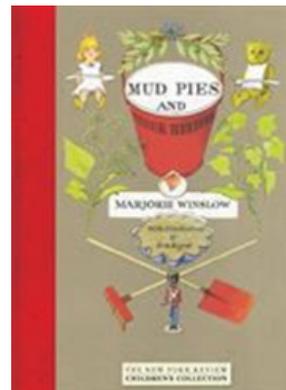
A podcast by Left Lane Outreach Theatre for 4+ that includes lots of opportunity for imagination, creative play, acting out the story and learning about plants!

** Online Story Time feature*



Learn some new Australian bush words with Bronwyn Bancroft's beautiful book!

** Online Story Time feature*



Learn how to make mud pies, salads and more for your toys using what you find in the backyard with this classic book!



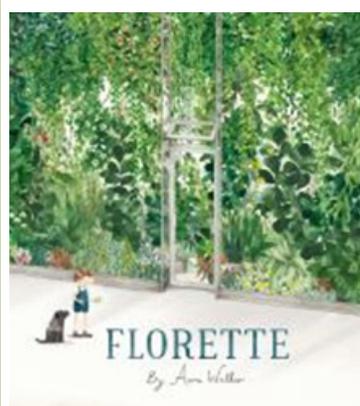
A young girl is inspired to bring the outside inside and create her own garden.

** Online Story Time feature*



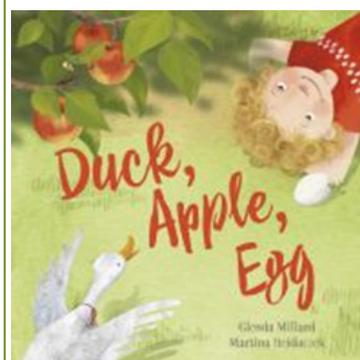
Enjoy making some simple paper crafts with this book to guide you! Watch Kerri, from Libraries ACT, online for some demonstrations!

** Online Story Time feature*



This story shows us how a place full of plants in the middle of a city can be special and make you feel good.

** Online Story Time feature*

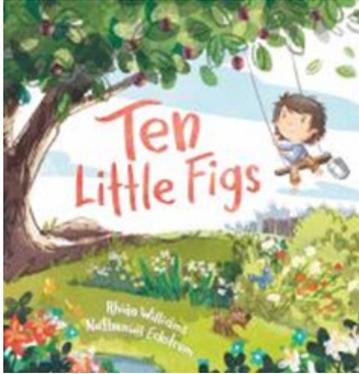


There's lots of fun to be had playing in the garden. Find out how in Duck, Apple, Egg.

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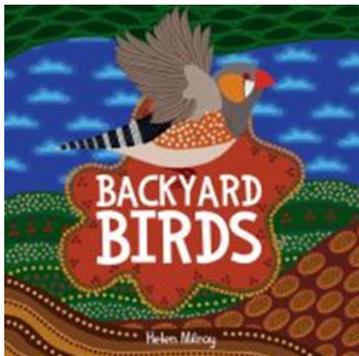
Free resources for children: 0-5 years (cont.)

Stories for 3-5 years



Local Canberra author takes us on a counting, springtime, exploring journey through the backyard!

* *Online Story Time feature*

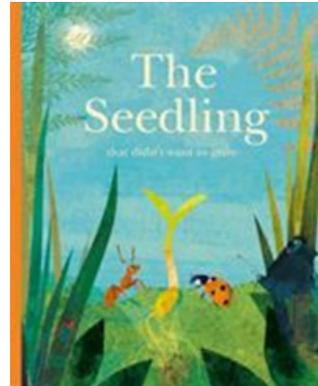


Learn all about the birds in your back yard!

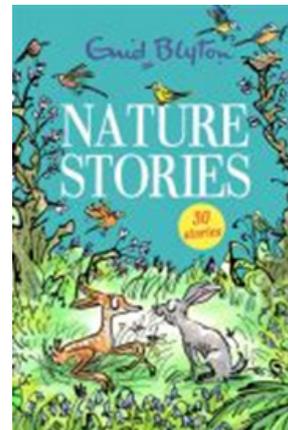
* *Online Story Time feature*



Black and golden, chocolate brown, each one has a flower crown. These adorable pups spread happiness and joy everywhere they go with the magic of flower power!



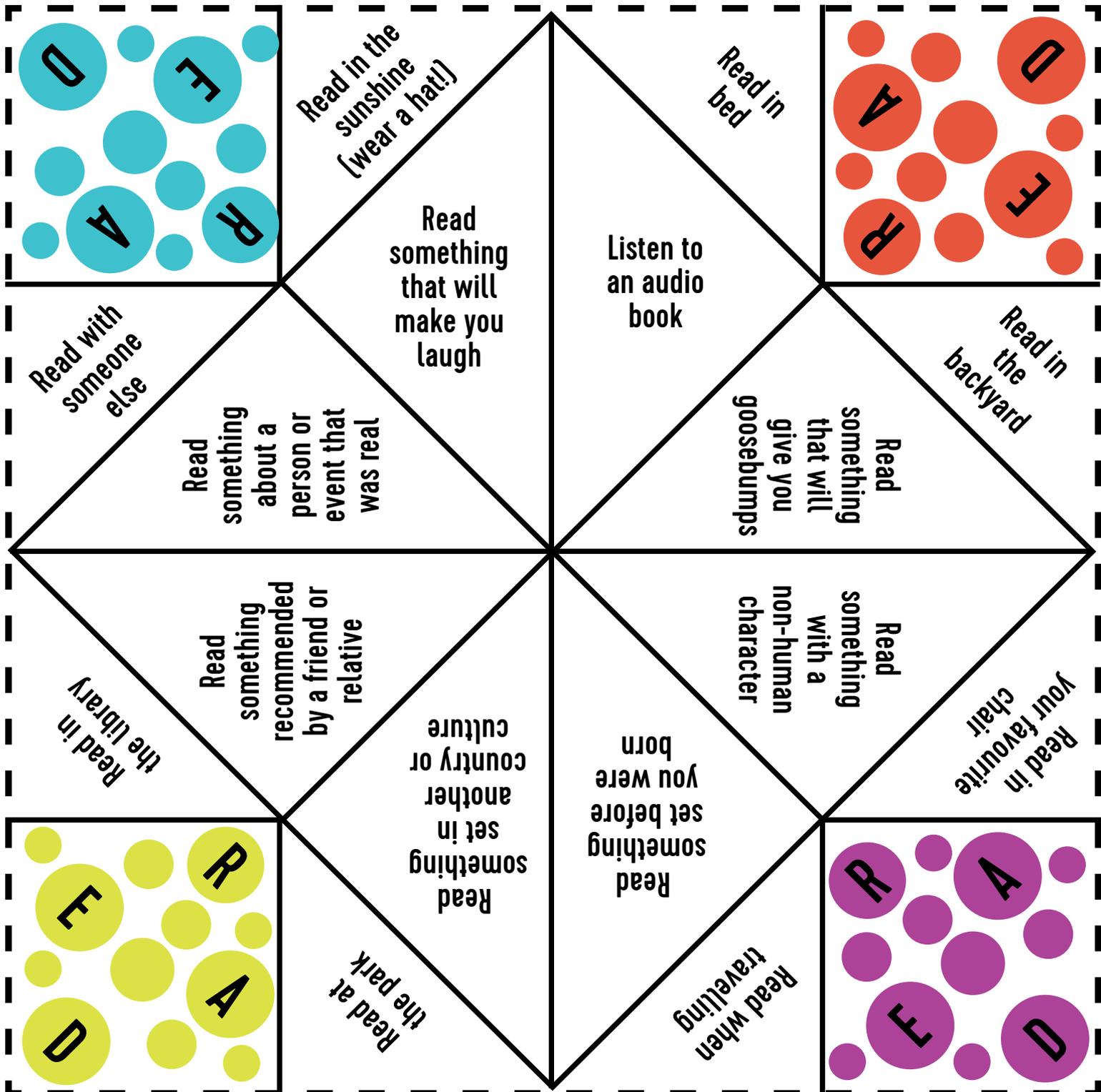
It's early spring and one by one seeds stretch through the dirt and towards the sun, extending their shoots and leaves and growing tall. All except for one seedling, who isn't quite ready



Enjoy a collection of thirty wonderful stories about nature, the freedom of the outdoors, beauty of the countryside and the charm of all creatures great and small from one of the world's best-loved children's authors.



Check out CBCA shortlisted book 'Bat Vs. Poss' on Story Box Library with your Libraries ACT membership! Go to www.library.act.gov.au and click on the Digital Resources menu.



Cut along the dotted lines so you are left with a square of paper.

Place the square with the blank side up and fold each of the four corners to the centre.

Keep it folded, turn it over and fold each of the four corners to the centre.

Keep it folded, turn it over and fold it in half to form a rectangle.

Unfold the rectangle and fold it in half the other way.

insert your fingers under the coloured squares to start playing and reading!