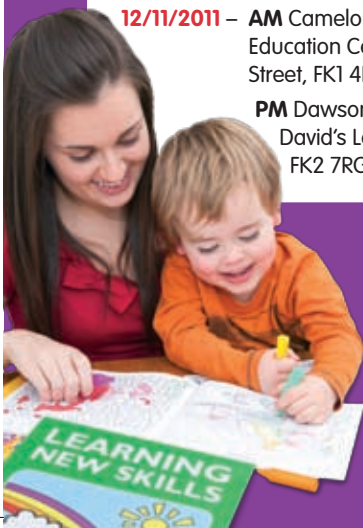


# Join the **f u n**

Bring your wee ones along to the playtalkread roadshow. We're visiting lots of towns and cities in our PlayTalkRead bus. There'll be Baby Massage, along with Bookbug free song, rhyme and story sessions. And **play@home** will be running interactive play time from 10am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 5pm daily. **Join the fun!**

- 31/10/2011** – **AM** Court Street, Haddington, EH41  
**PM** Brunton Hall, Ladywell Way, Musselburgh EH21 6AA.
- 01/11/2011** – **AM** Co-op, High Street, Tranent  
**PM** Lidl, High Street, Prestonpans, EH32 9AN (TBC)
- 02/11/2011** – IKEA, Straiton Road, Midlothian, EH20 9PW
- 03/11/2011** – Lidl, Newmills Road, Dalkeith, EH22 1DU (TBC)
- 04/11/2011** – Sighthill Health Centre, 380 Calder Road, EH11 4AU
- 07/11/2011** – Lidl, Newkirkgate Centre, Leith, EH6 6AD (TBC)
- 08/11/2011** – Craigmillar Library, 7 Niddrie Marischal Gardens, EH16 4LX
- 09/11/2011** – Bathgate Early Years Centre, Whitburn Road, Bathgate, EH48 2RD
- 10/11/2011** – Daisy Community Centre, 3 The Mall, Craigshill EH54 (TBC)
- 11/11/2011** – Broompark Community Hall, Davies Row, Denny FK6 6NP
- 12/11/2011** – **AM** Camelon Community Education Centre, Abercrombie Street, FK1 4HA  
**PM** Dawson Community Centre, David's Loan, Langlees, Falkirk, FK2 7RG
- 14/11/2011** – Raploch Community Campus, Drip Road, Stirling, FK8 1SD
- 15/11/2011** – Tesco, Wallace Street, Stirling, FK8 1NP
- 16/11/2011** – Mayfield Court, Bannockburn Road, FK7 0BP
- 17/11/2011** – **AM** Clackmannanshire Community Healthcare Centre, Hallpark Road, Sauchie, FK10 3JQ  
**PM** Alloa Family Centre, East Castle Street, Alloa, FK10 1AT
- 18/11/2011** – **AM** Tillicoultry Health Centre, Park Street, Tillicoultry, FK13 6AG  
**PM** Civic Centre Tullibody, FK10 2RS
- 21/11/2011** – **AM** Methil Community Centre, Bowling Green, Methil, KY8 3DH  
**PM** Savoy Community Centre, Bryon street, Methil, KY8 3JQ
- 22/11/2011** – Templehall Community Centre, Kirkcaldy Place, Kirkcaldy, KY2 6EX
- 23/11/2011** – ASDA, Halbeath Road, Dunfermline, KY11 4LP
- 24/11/2011** – King Edward Street, Perth, PH1
- 25/11/2011** – ASDA, Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 5AP
- 26/11/2011** – **AM** Tesco, Welton Road, Blairgowrie, PH10 6NQ  
**PM** Primary School, High Street, Rattray (TBC)



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**Did you know that the big things like confidence, reading and language skills develop when your kids are under three? The more you play, talk and read with them when they're young, the better they'll be at learning new skills when they grow up.**

## Play

**Did you know** that your child's brain is growing at such an amazing rate, that by three years old it will be three quarters of its adult size? The more you play with your kids now, the better learners they'll be as they grow up.

If it seems like a long time ago since you've played, don't worry. It'll come back to you like riding a bike!

### Here are some tips:

- Enjoy yourself – the sillier you feel, the more your child will love it!
- Trash can be treasure – and the best play ideas often don't cost a penny. A bottle could be a rocket or add some rice and it's a musical shaker. Kids love using their imagination!
- If your wee one doesn't seem interested, just try another activity.
- Play can be any time or anywhere – you don't need hours to spare or a strict routine.

## Talk

**Did you know** that if you talk a lot to your kids, you can increase the amount of words they know by as many as 250 by the age of two? The more you do it now, the better at talking they'll be when they get to nursery.

Don't worry if you feel a bit silly talking to your wee one when they can't really talk back to you yet. It's perfectly natural, and you'll get used to it. And you're helping them learn to speak and think for themselves.

### Here are some tips:

- Even if your child likes music or the TV, sometimes it's good to talk with less background noise – it will help them learn to concentrate, too.
- Say what you see – it's a great way of teaching your child words. "Here comes the bus!"
- If your wee one says something in the wrong way, don't correct them – just repeat the word back in the right way and they'll soon learn.
- Have fun. Talking gives you and your wee one a chance to shine – you can talk about anything you want!

## Read

**Did you know** that kids can develop up to half of their language skills before they are three? The more you look at books together now, the better they'll be with their reading and words as they get older.

To your wee one, you're the best storyteller in the world, so why not give it a go? Reading doesn't cost a penny either – just visit your local library.

### Here are some tips:

- Encourage them to turn the pages with you. They'll soon be so good at it they'll take the book off you and do it themselves!
- Running your finger over words as you say them will help your child learn that the 'squiggles' they see actually mean something.
- Read at a slow pace so your baby or toddler can keep up.
- Get cosy – find a quiet space for you both to tuck away and hide from the hustle and bustle of the day.

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