

## Gifting the Child's Play tactile books

- These books can be gifted along with a Bookbug Bag or at any time
- Make your Bookbug Session Leaders and local Librarians aware that the books are available
- Contact the administrative team at your local Health Service to ensure Health Visitors know about the books
- These books contain high-contrast images, tactile features and Braille-style numbering. They are suitable for children with any kind of additional need.

**Audio versions** are also available to listen to on our website:

[scottishbooktrust.com/tactile-books](https://scottishbooktrust.com/tactile-books)

**Other tactile books:** We also supply a range of *That's Not My...* books published by Usborne.

**To order more:** Each box contains seven copies of each of the four books (28 books in total) and can be added to your Bookbug bag deliveries or requested at any time by emailing [bookbug@scottishbooktrust.com](mailto:bookbug@scottishbooktrust.com)

### Key messages for gifting the books

Please share these messages with families:

- Encourage your child to take an active role in exploring the story through touching the textures and looking at the bright illustrations.
- Don't worry about getting to the end. Share a cuddle while you turn the pages back and forth and go at a pace that suits you both.
- Again! Repeat the story as many times as your child likes.
- Use toys, music or other props to help bring the story to life.
- Hearing your voice and sharing a book will support your child's communication skills. Watch their reactions to see what they like best.



## Best practice ideas for using the books

‘I use them every day. All my families have commented on how good they are. One family with a child with global delay and autism has said it’s the only book their child engages with and is great to see as it is helping with communication and everyday life when going outside.’

**Early Years Practitioner, Glasgow**

‘The Child’s Play book *Off to the Park!* has been so popular in our nursery it has fallen apart in a month! Our children with ASL and EAL have spent a lot of time with this book – sharing it with adults, each other or spending a long time reading by themselves. It has also been popular with the other children in the playroom.’

**Early Years Support Worker, Renfrewshire**

‘We have used this book to create a story sack to use as a home link activity. The simple text is not overwhelming for families who are not yet confident in reading English. The sequence of the illustrations is self-explanatory, therefore allowing the child and parent/carer to share the book in their home language.’

**English as an Additional Language Team, South Ayrshire**



## Further links

Tips to help parents share books with children who need additional support:  
[scottishbooktrust.com/bookbug/ASN](https://scottishbooktrust.com/bookbug/ASN)

Lots of lovely book lists on our website:  
[scottishbooktrust.com/book-lists](https://scottishbooktrust.com/book-lists)

## Key Organisations

RNIB Scotland:  
[rnib.org.uk/scotland](https://rnib.org.uk/scotland)

Scottish Autism:  
[scottishautism.org](https://scottishautism.org)

Deaf Action Scotland:  
[deafaction.org.uk](https://deafaction.org.uk)

Capability Scotland:  
[capability-scotland.org.uk](https://capability-scotland.org.uk)

Enable Scotland:  
[enable.org.uk](https://enable.org.uk)

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