

Bookbug Session: Trains, Boats and Planes

Is it a train? Is it a boat? Is it a plane?

Climb aboard and join us on a magical Bookbug travel adventure!

1. Introduction song

The hello song

Benefits

Familiar start – lets everyone know a Bookbug session has started.

Tips

Smile and use names if you know them. Clap or tap along to the beat and use signs if you know them.

2. Action Rhyme

Up like a Rocket

Benefits

This rhyme is great for positive interaction and building anticipation and excitement.

Tips

This rhyme is a great way to get children moving their bodies in different ways. Try using both big and small actions as you repeat it. To begin, encourage the children to make a triangle shape above their heads for the rocket, wiggle their fingers downward for the rain, and circle their arms by their sides for the train.

For a more active variation, invite the children to curl up in a ball and then jump up as the rocket shoots into the sky, stretching their arms high above their heads. They can then wiggle their fingers as they crouch back down for the rain, before moving around the space as they become the train.

3. Action Song

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom

Benefits

This

Tips

When sharing this rhyme with babies, let them see your fingers wiggle as you count, or gently wiggle their fingers as you say the rhyme. For older children and toddlers, encourage them to move their own fingers and join in with the words.

4. Counting Song

When I Was One

Benefits

This song is lots of fun, it helps develop counting skills but the actions also help children understand directional language such as forwards and backwards.

Tips

For the older children you can offer variations in the speed of the song, going faster and slower.

5. Transition song

I wonder what's in my bag today?

Benefits

Builds anticipation and captures the attention of the children.

Tips

Use Bookbug to help engage the children in singing the "I wonder what's in my bag song". Use Makaton to support different communication needs.

Sing the song to the tune of "Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush"

"I wonder what's in my bag today, bag today, bag today

I wonder what's in my bag today, come and take a look...

At Bookbug's favourite book"

6. Book

Trains, Boats and Planes, Michelle Robinson & Jez Tuya

Benefits

Trains, Boats and Planes is an excellent book for exploring different modes of transport. Its detailed illustrations provide lots of opportunities for discovery, discussion, and rich conversation.

Tips

As you share the story, take your time and explore the illustrations together. Comment on the different modes of transport, as well as their size, shape, and colour. Use open-ended questions to encourage children to think creatively about what the characters might be doing or where they might be going

7. Action Song

Hurlin' up and doon in the big green tractor

Benefits

This is a fun and interactive song which encourages everyone to get up and move around. There are lots of great Scot's words, for children and grown-ups to use and discover.

Tips

You could use the Bookbug app to play this song during your Bookbug session, this will help you share the song with the families, and remind them that the Bookbug app is available for them to download and use at home too!

8. Action Song

Forwards and Backwards

Benefits

This song is another great one for directional language, an extension of the previous action song, focusing on up and down and side to side as well as forwards and backwards.

Tips

Sing this song, faster and slower and louder and quieter to make add excitement. Children and toddlers will enjoy joining in with all the actions. If you have a sparkly blanket, parachute or something similar – you could use this to share the song to add more fun.

1. Calming Song

Swing me Over the Water

Benefits

This song is lots of fun for families to share as they swing their child or a good way for soothing your child as you gently sway them from side to side.

Tips

A great song to share when at the park on the swings or when near water. A popular song to use with the lycra. This song can be used to support routines, try singing it at bath time or as a calming song for naptime or bedtime.

2. Final Song

Goodbye Song

Benefits

Tells everyone the session is coming to and end

Tips

Wave, smile and use names if you know them. If you know Makaton you can support this song with signs.

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