# Bookbug Session: Halloween

Apples, spiders and a funny witch that catches ghosts – there’s nothing to be scared of in this seasonal Bookbug session!

## Introduction song: [The Hello Song](https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/songs-and-rhymes/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.

## Familiar rhymes: [[Cross, Cross, Line, Line](https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/songs-and-rhymes/cross-cross-line-line)](https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/songs-and-rhymes/the-hello-song)

**Benefits:** Lovely sensory touch encourages bonding with wee ones and older children love getting the “shiveries”!

**Tips:** Siblings can do this one their grown-up or on a toy or can join in on their baby sibling. Keep it slow to build up anticipation..

## Active rhymes: [Creeping, Creeping Goes the Little Cat](https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/songs-and-rhymes/creeping-creeping-goes-the-little-cat)

**Benefits:** Easy for everyone to join in with words and actions. Lots of fun!

**Tips:** Use actions for bunny and cat. Get older children to creep and jump. Adults can tickle wee ones for “creeping” then bounce them. A great rhyme for lycra – fingers underneath for creeping and hands banging on top for jumping.

## Active songs: [Here We go On Our Ponies](https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/songs-and-rhymes/here-we-go-on-our-ponies)/Broomsticks

**Benefits:** The change of pace and start/stop in this song is great for listening skills.

**Tips:** Replace “ponies” with “broomsticks” and older children can fly around the room whilst wee ones can be bounced on laps.

## Transition song: I Wonder What’s In My Bag Today (come and take a look) sung to the tune of “Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush”

**Benefits:** Keeps everyone interested. Encourages imagination and language generation.

**Tips:** Have an apple (or ten) in your bag, ready to count out and talk about dookin for apples.

## Songs with actions: [[Ten Red Apples](https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/songs-and-rhymes/ten-red-apples-)](https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/songs-and-rhymes/the-hello-song)

**Benefits:** Helps numeracy skills, motor skills (shaking whole body and showing 5 fingers).

**Tips:** Go nice and slow to start with – there’s a lot to process in this song. Show 5 fingers on each hand. Make sure babies are face to face with their grown up.

## Story: The Haunted House by Kazuno Kohara published by Pan Macmillan

In a big old house at the edge of town there's a spooky surprise in store. But who's afraid of a few ghosts? Not this little girl!

**Benefits:** This funny story is great for encouraging discussion. Wee ones’ imaginations can go wild.

**Tips:** Try counting the ghosts with the children. At the end of the story encourage them to think about what they would have “made” with the ghosts.

## Songs and rhymes with finger puppets: [Incy Wincy Spider [I Have a Little Spider](https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/songs-and-rhymes/i-have-a-little-spider)](https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/songs-and-rhymes/incy-wincy-spider)

**Benefits:** Actions and objects help children understand the meaning of words.

**Tips:** Make sure you repeat rhymes and songs a few times. Try them quieter, louder, slower and faster for a bit of variety. Try with and without the puppet.

## Lullabies/calming songs: [[Twinkle Twinkle Little Star](https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/songs-and-rhymes/twinkle-twinkle-little-star)](https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/songs-and-rhymes/the-hello-song)

**Benefits:** Soothing lullabies can calm and make wee ones feel safe.

**Tips:** Babies can be swayed or rocked face to face while older children can join in with the actions.

## Final song: [[The Goodbye Song](https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/songs-and-rhymes/the-goodbye-song)](https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/songs-and-rhymes/the-hello-song)

**Benefits:** This familiar song lets everyone know the session is over.

**Tips:** Thank everyone for joining in.

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