Dear mum, dad or carer

**Your child’s free Bookbug Explorer Bag**

Nursery is an exciting time for your child. Your support and encouragement at home makes a real difference to their learning and simple activities like sharing books, songs and rhymes helps support your child’s speaking, listening and understanding – an important part of getting ready for school and helping children learn. That’s why we’re getting in touch to let you know about a free bag of books and activities your child will soon receive from Bookbug.

**Your child’s Explorer Bag will contain:**

* three picture books
* an activity booklet with fun ideas to enjoy and talk about the books together
* a set of coloured pencils
* a CD with songs, rhymes and two stories to listen to together
* a parent leaflet with more ideas for using the Explorer Bag together

Help your child get the most out of their Explorer Bag by looking at the books together, talking about them, and singing the songs and rhymes on the CD. Encourage your child to draw on the postcards, or perhaps you could write one together and send it to a friend or family member? On our website you can find videos of families reading the books together, as well as tips on sharing stories together, and more recommended books for your child’s age in our themed booklists.

For children with additional support needs, CALL Scotland produces accessible versions of the Explorer Bag books along with symbol resources to support sharing the books at home. Please ask your nursery for more information if your child would benefit from these or visit **symbolsforall.org.uk/bookbug**.

You can also download our new free Bookbug app! Share songs and rhymes on the go, look up the words or make up your own rhymes to our new instrumental versions. Apps can be great for supporting children’s learning and encouraging play and creativity. Our Bookbug app is one more way to fit songs and rhymes into your day.

Get involved and have fun with your child!

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