

Book of the Month

Ninni Yabini by Cheryl Kickett-Tucker and Tyrown Waigana

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Bright Light, Starry Night

Little Yabini is full of curiosity as she sets out to explore the world away from her parents. As night falls she realises she is lost, luckily night stars offer her a guiding light to find her way home. A beautiful story to share with young children about being safe and knowing that home is where they will always belong.

Themes: Families, Belonging, Resilience



Read stories and celebrate other languages. Ninni Yabini is shared in the language of the Noongar People as well as in English. Enjoy rich descriptive language to build your child's vocabulary – such as ears prickled, evening sky, swept, fluttering, wandered.



Talk when sharing stories. Pause and ask questions, invite children to make predictions about what they will think will happen. In this story Yabini wonders off to play – it is a perfect way to have a conversation about being safe with your child.

Check out what sound a swan makes by watching this youtube clip together

www.youtube.com/watch?v=OkaCUUsSDY



Sing your favourite songs and change words to match the story. For example, 5 Little Ducks, can become 5 little Swans. We also love Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star – in the book Yabini is guided home by a shining star.



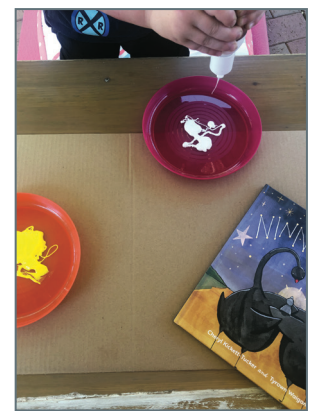
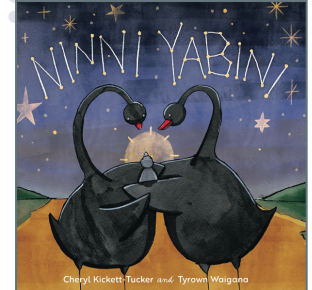
Play with important words like your child's name.

Activity Time: Make a name constellation like on the front cover of the book. Use paint to finger dot or stickers to trace your child's name. Help your child add it to their bedroom door.

Other ideas: Make a play nest together and snuggle up to share some stories. Old sheets, towels and blankets are perfect for this. You could set up an obstacle course based on Yabini's travels.



Fun and meaningful literacy activities are important for young children and help build foundations. Reading stories and singing songs help develop vocabulary, language skills and phonological awareness – all the skills children need before they begin to learn how to read at school.



*You can introduce simple Science Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) concepts to children aged 2+ years through every day play.

Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.

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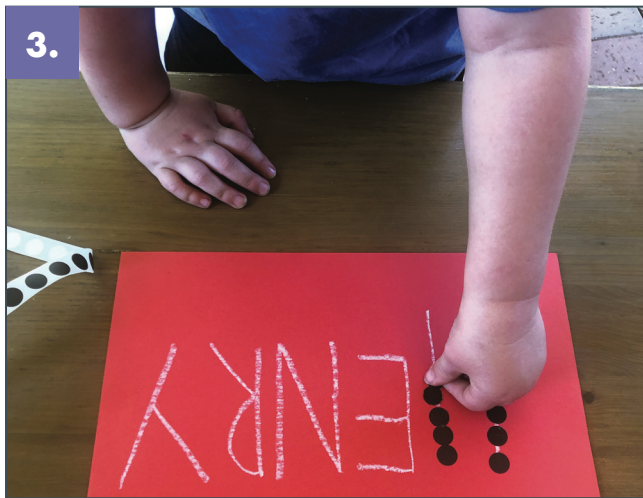
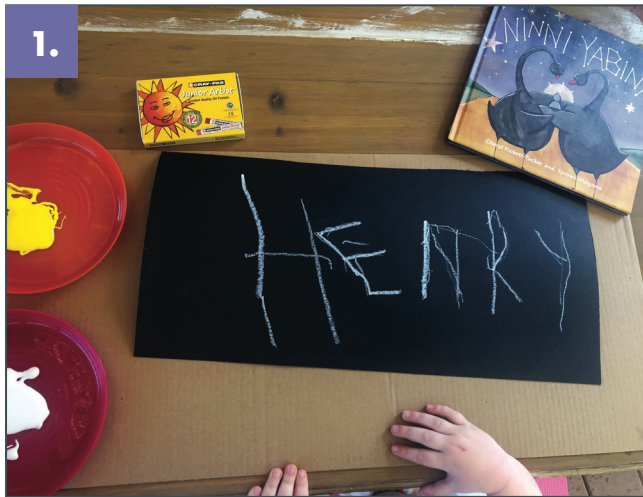
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