

# Book of the Month

**Sounds All Around Us** by Ryhia Dank

## Shh, Stop and Listen.

Toddlers love to make noise and take in the sounds arounds them. This is a vibrant book that showcases the incredible sounds in our world. Get yourselves up and moving, adding actions to the glorious sounds of wildlife, transport, and nature.

**Themes:** Sounds, Nature, Animals



**Read** with expression. Change your voice to add excitement and animate your body too – whoosh (rock from side to side) or boing! (bounce, like a kangaroo). To add interest, drag out the end of the words to hear the ending sounds more clearly – splash or buzz.



**Talk** about the words used to describe the noises that your child's favourite animals make.

In the story birds chirp and frogs ribbit (croak) but what about monkeys that chatter, pigs who oink, giraffes and goats that bleat, crocodiles who bellow, and elephants that trumpet! What other animal noises can you discover?



**Sing** songs with actions and repetition to engage toddlers. We love songs like Old Mac Donald Had a Farm or 5 Little Ducks are fun ways to practice and play with animal noises. Get creative and change the lyrics to include favourite animals!



**Play** outside and connect to nature. Spend time looking and listening to the world around you, slowing down and talking about what you can see and hear.

Activity Time: Try making your own rain stick. Follow the simple directions on the next page using everyday items from around the home.



Children learn about the world around them by exploring their surroundings. Play allows and encourages children to be curious, imagine, pretend, create, talk and problem solve – the perfect ways to build skills that lay the foundations for for later learning.



\*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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# Activity Time

**Book Title:** Sounds All Around Us

**Activity:** Rain Stick

## What You'll Need:

- paper towel roll
- coloured construction paper
- 2 rubber bands
- aluminum foil
- rice
- scissors
- tape
- glue stick

\* Pre cut 2 square pieces of construction paper 1" wider than the tube hole on each side.

