



## Activity ideas to support Learning at Home 2-5 year olds

### Early Years Service, Children's Services

### Buckinghamshire Council

#### Autumn Days by Brenda Williams ©

Swirling,  
Twirling  
Autumn leaves  
Whooshing,  
Whirling  
From the trees.

Snapping,  
Cracking  
Conkers fall.  
Dropping,  
Popping  
Near the wall.

Grouping,  
Swooping  
Birds up high.  
Crying,  
Flying  
Round the sky.

Curling,  
Furling  
Smokey fires.  
Flowing,  
Blowing  
Higher, higher.

#### POETRY TIME

Read the poem to your child. Read it slow,  
read it fast, read it at a normal steady pace.  
Think about all the words – does your child  
know what they all mean?  
Take time to explore each new word.



#### Autumn Days A poem by Brenda Williams

#### CREATE A POEM

Can you create your own poem based on the one shown here? What other words could you use to describe Autumn? Can you add these words in, crinkly, crackly, whizzing, bursting, puffing? You can write the words for your child as you chat about Autumn words

#### GET OUTSIDE

Take your child to the park or a local green space to explore and watch the season changing. Talk about what you see happening now. Talk about how it is different to what you saw in Summer and Spring.

Talk about Animals getting ready for hibernation, the squirrels will be out and about collecting nuts to store up. Foxes don't hibernate

[CBeebies Autumn Watch Foxes](#)

Can you act out the poem?

Use lots of movement with your body, arms and legs.

Pick up leaves, throw them in the air and watch them fall.

#### AUTUMN STORIES

Can you find some stories that take place in Autumn? Maybe you could go to your local library, charity book shop or local book shop to find some.

Why not look out for:

[Milly Mae in Autumn by Emily Marsh](#)

[Autumn by Ailie Busby](#)

[Wakey Wakey Big Brown Bear by Tracey Corderoy](#)

Or watch on CBeebies:

[CBeebies Nella and Nora Autumn](#)

[CBeebies Peter Rabbit and the Enormous](#)

## Top Tips

**BookTrust** is the UK's largest reading charity that helps get children and families reading. There's a section on the website called Home

Time for children under 5. Here you can access some fun stories and activities to do with your child. [Go to Book Trust HomeTime for children aged 5 and under.](#)

**Oxford Owl** is a website that wants to help your child learn. They have created some resources for young children.

[Go to Oxford Owl Help children learn aged 3 to 4.](#) They also have free ebooks. [Go to Oxford Owl Reading free ebooks.](#)

**CBeebies** has a range of stories you can share with your child featuring their favourite characters. [Go to CBeebies Stories.](#)

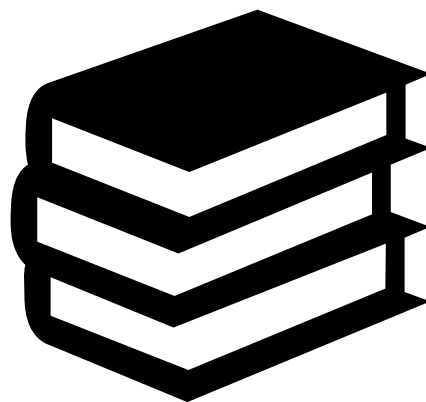
There are 29 libraries across Buckinghamshire. Information about your local library and the services they provide, including ebooks, can be found online.

Go to [Buckinghamshire Council Libraries](#)

### Chatting Matters

Vocabulary and increasing the number of new words your child hears every day is very important for future learning.

## Information for Parents/ Carers



### Find out More

[BBC Tiny Happy People](#)

[Small Talk - ideas for Parents](#)

[Hungry Little Minds Campaign](#)



## Reading 30-50 months

### You might notice your child:

- recognises words that start with the same sound.
- joins in when you read books together.
- guesses what happens next in a story they are enjoying.
- enjoys looking at pictures and words in books.
- talks about the stories you read to them.
- can hold books the right way up and turn pages.
- knows that words in a book can tell them things.

### Find out more about your Child's development

[What to expect when – Developmental Guide for Parents](#)

If you have any concerns about your child's development the first thing you can do is chat to your Child's Key Person at their Setting