

Daily tips for Playful Learning at Home

The cow who fell to Earth

Telling stories together is fun, helps us feel close and is also a way of exploring the world without leaving home. Today's story is about a visitor from another planet who is a bit like us, but also different. It is a chance to chat about what we all have in common, how to be kind and what to do if you need help

What do I need?

- A quiet, comfy place where you can watch and talk about the story together.
- You can access the story from the Book Trust free at this link: <https://youtu.be/PD-fdUpdHew>
- You might want to look out some farm animal toys if you have them, or pictures to use as props

What will your child learn from this play?

- About space and space travel
- Counting upwards and downwards (5, 4, 3, 2, 1, go!)
- What to do if you get lost
- How people are the same, but also different
- Understanding and respecting different cultures
- Awareness of the sounds at the starts of words

What do we do?

Find a **quiet, comfy** place to read together which is distraction free as possible.

Watch Adam reading the story together online together for fun and watch your child's reaction to the different pictures and characters.

Read the story again and encourage your child to respond to different bits of it. **Pause and wait** from time to time to give them a chance to think and respond.

Remember it's ok not to follow the whole story word for word all of the time, quite often children can be inspired by a picture or memory which may spark a discussion about something else related to the story where you can then **comment and add** new words too.

Chat about what you have read – could be about exploring, space, being lost, helping others, different languages, journeys you have been on.

How can you take it further?

Look out some photos of a journey you did (with or without your child), or ask family and friends to do this on video chat – tell them about where you went and what the people were like

Have fun counting down to doing something – jumping, clapping, anything – 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, go!

Your child might want to find out more about space, so help them look things up in books or online

Show your child how different languages sound – if you use search terms like *French children speaking* you will find videos