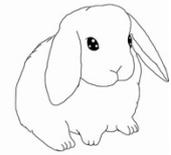


Daily tips for Playful Learning at Home



Everybunny Dance!

Stories are really good ways to help children learn new words and the rhythms of language but they do much more than that. They can be a safe space to explore feelings and try out ideas. Stories are great to chat about, and to act out, or make pictures about.

And focussing on a story makes us feel good, brings us closer – while at the same time developing children’s powers of concentration.

What do I need?

- Today’s story can be found on this link <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/everybunny-dance/>
- It works on most computers, tablets and phones
- A quiet moment to go through the story – and time to do it again either now or later
- You can go outside to do some of the actions too

What will your child learn from this play?

- Some new words
- New actions and ways to talk about them
- Managing feelings (the fox is a bit scary, then not so much)
- Planning and controlling actions
- Movement and coordination
- Sequencing
- Digital skills

What do we do?

Sit with your child and go through the story – they may want to sit on your lap

It might be best to just go through it all the way first, then you can come back and go through more slowly

Some of the sections have some stars to press for additional sounds, so explore these if your child is interested

Children learn best from stories if they are repeated, so enjoy this together a few days in a row if your child likes it

And don’t be surprised if they want it “again” – it means there is still learning to be had even if we are sick of it!

If you remember, try using some of the words from the story in everyday life – show your child what they mean.

Finally, it might be most fun to pretend to be the rabbits – what dances can you do, what instruments can you play

Can you do the floppy ears and the twitchy nose – have a look in the mirror!

How can you take it further?

Your child might like to draw the rabbits or the fox. Or think of some other things the rabbits might do

You could have a chat about public and private – what sort of things do we not like others to see (brushing our teeth? Washing our socks?)

Turn it into a game of statues for the whole family – everyone dances like the rabbits, til someone shouts “Fox” and then who can be the most still?

Play & talk together
Be careful with too many questions

Pause and wait for your child to respond
Copy what they say and add to it