

Play is the most powerful way young children learn.

READ

BEFORE READING

Spending some time sharing the cover of the book with babies gives them some prior understanding of what the book is going to be about. Even if they can't talk yet, they learn a lot about words and language by listening to you.

You can:

- Tell them the title of the book, if they have seen a duck or rainbow before you can talk about this experience with them.
- Point to the letters in the title and name each colour.
- Look at the duck together. Little ones love hearing animal's noises and they are often some of the first words they say so it is never too early to have fun quack quack quacking!

AFTER READING

Read some other books that feature colours. Good books for babies include:

- *Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See?* Bill Martin Jr
- *My First Colours* DK Books
- *Colours* Steve Parish
- *Where Is The Green Sheep* Mem Fox
- *Play School Colours* ABC Books

Visit your local library or book shop and find some other books by Frances Barry. Details are on her website

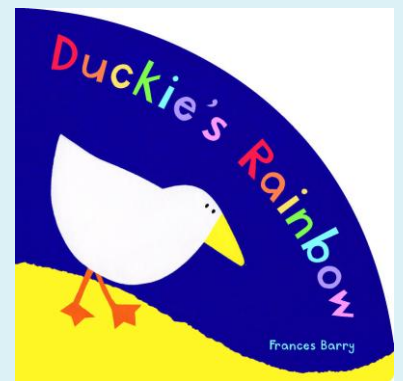
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TALK

This is a great book for babies as it not only introduces colours but also other important concepts like under, around, past and across.

As you go about your day try and incorporate some of these words into your conversations with babies.

Babies understand a lot more words before they can speak them.



Duckie's Rainbow

Frances Barry

Theme: ADVENTURE

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SING

Sing some songs and rhymes together that match the content of the book:

- *Five Little Ducks Went Out One Day*
- *It's Raining, It's Pouring*
- *Rain Rain Go Away*
- *I Can Sing A Rainbow*

MOVE

Older babies will have fun moving just like Duckie. Try:

- Rushing
- Hopping
- Waddling
- Skipping

PLAY

RAINBOW PLAY

Use colour as the focus of your play.

- Sort wooden blocks by colours and give your baby one colour to play with.
- Choose a colour and go on a colour treasure hunt. Talk about all the different things that are the same colour.

CREATE

RAINBOW COLLAGE

- Cut up a variety of materials in the colours of the rainbow, for example, tissue paper, ribbon, wool, wrapping paper, patty pans and old birthday cards.
- Draw a rainbow on a large piece of paper and help the children to decorate it with the materials.

Other great ADVENTURE books

Shhhh! Little Mouse
Pamela Allen

Hairy McLary From Donaldson's Dairy
Lynley Dodd

Each Peach Pear Plum
Allan Ahlberg