

## READ

Animal sounds are often some of the first 'words' babies will make. Using animal sounds in fun, repetitive and meaningful ways will have babies and toddlers joining in with you in no time.

### Before Reading

The simple, bold illustrations in this book are perfect for capturing little readers attention.

Introduce the book:

*"Today we are reading a book called Moo. Can you moo like a cow?"*

Encourage the parents to 'moo' to their children.

Open the book and share the illustrations on the endpaper and the title page.

*"Lots of animals live on the farm. I can see a fluffy sheep, a grey cat and lots of little yellow chicks. Look at the piglets, let's count them, 1,2,3,4 and mummy pig."*

Reading to children is one of the best ways of helping to develop their vocabulary.

### During Reading

Make the most of the lovely rhyme and rhythm by first reading the book from beginning to end without stopping.

Read it a second time, encouraging the children (and parents) to join in with the animal sounds.

Pointing to the words that the animal says eg *"Neigh Neigh Neigh"* will help children understand that the black squiggles on the page (the words) represent the spoken word.

### After Reading

Children need to have lots and lots of experiences with books before they can learn how to read. Board books are perfect for little hands to explore.

Provide each family with a board book to share. Encourage the parents to read it to their children, letting older babies hold the book. Remind parents it's ok to make up a story, if the baby is having fun holding and playing with the book they can just talk about what they think the book might be about. This is just as beneficial as reading the book.



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This *Learning Time* resource has been developed for libraries, playgroups and child care centres to use during their Story Time sessions.

It can easily be adapted to use in the home.

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View the *Moo* Activity Time resource for more ideas:

[http://www.thelittlebigbookclub.com.au/sites/thelittlebigbookclub.com.au/files/files/title\\_resource/moo\\_activity\\_time.pdf](http://www.thelittlebigbookclub.com.au/sites/thelittlebigbookclub.com.au/files/files/title_resource/moo_activity_time.pdf)

## CREATE

### Animal Puppets

Help the families make some animal puppets to take home. Puppets are a great way for parents to play with their children, it gives them something fun and meaningful to talk or sing about with their babies.

Provide some templates or let parents draw their own animals. Cut them out and stick on a popstick. If you are able to laminate them first they will last a lot longer.

You can find some farm animal puppet templates here:

[http://www.thelittlebigbookclub.com.au/sites/thelittlebigbookclub.com.au/files/files/title\\_resource/lazy\\_daisy\\_busy\\_lizzie\\_activity\\_time.pdf](http://www.thelittlebigbookclub.com.au/sites/thelittlebigbookclub.com.au/files/files/title_resource/lazy_daisy_busy_lizzie_activity_time.pdf)

### More Books About Farm Animals

*Oh Dear* by Rod Campbell

*Farm Babies* by Rod Campbell

*Farm 1 2 3* by Rod Campbell

*Where is the Green Sheep* by Mem Fox

*Spot Can Count* by Eric Hill

*Let's Go Visiting* by Sue Williams

*I Went Walking* by Sue Williams

### Useful websites:

For printable activities:

[www.thelittlebigbookclub.com.au](http://www.thelittlebigbookclub.com.au)

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