

## Play is the most powerful way young children learn.

Every time you play, sing or read to young children they are learning about language.

By sharing this book and play activities with them they will have the opportunity to:

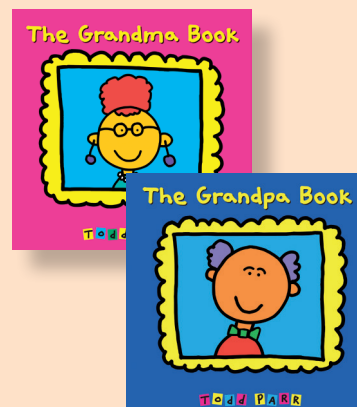
- Become aware of families through stories, dramatic play and art.
- Experience writing as a way of communicating to others.
- Join in with reading familiar stories.

We hope these activities will provide you with a starting point for fun play with young children.

## Engaging With Language and Literacy



- After reading the stories, give the children lots of opportunities to talk about their grandparents or other special people in their lives.
- You can begin the discussion by asking the children if their grandparents are similar or different to the grandparents in the books.
- Spend time re-reading the books with the children.
- The simple sentences and matching pictures should make it easy for them to join in with reading the story. If you pause towards the end of the sentence they might be able to predict what comes next.
- Try and read with the children in different situations, eg, at group times, with a small number of children and one on one if possible.



# The Grandma Book and The Grandpa Book

by Todd Parr

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# Enjoying Music and Dramatic Play



## Home Corner

- Encourage children to include the roles of grandparents in their home corner play.
- Provide props to enhance their play including a telephone so the children can phone their grandparents.
- Display pictures of grandparents in this area. Ask parents and carers to provide photos and use pictures from magazines.

## Dancing

- In *The Grandma Book* it shows a grandma having fun dancing.
- Set up an area in the room for you and the children to dance in.

## Other books to try:

*Spot Visits His Grandparents* by Eric Hill

*The Trouble With Gran* and *The Trouble With Grandad* by Babette Cole

*My Grandad* and *My Grandma* by Jeanette Rowe

## Notes

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