Join the fun

Bring your wee ones along to the playtalkread roadshow. We’re visiting lots of towns and cities in our PlayTalkRead bus. There’ll be Baby Massage, along with Bookbug free song, rhyme and story sessions. And play@home will be running interactive play time from 10am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 5pm daily. Join the fun!

31/10/2011 – AM Court Street, Haddington EH41
PM Brunton Hall, Ladywell Way, Musselburgh EH21 6AA

01/11/2011 – AM Co-op, High Street, Tranent
PM Lidl, High Street, Prestonpans EH32 9AN

02/11/2011 – IKEA, Straiton Road, Midlothian EH20 9PW

03/11/2011 – AM Jarnac Court, Dalkeith High Street
PM Lidl, Newmills Road, Dalkeith EH22 1DU

04/11/2011 – Sighthill Health Centre, 380 Calder Road EH11 4AU

07/11/2011 – Lidl, Newkirkgate Centre, Leith EH6 6AD

08/11/2011 – Craigmillar Library, 7 Niddrie Marischal Gardens EH16 4LX

09/11/2011 – Bathgate Early Years Centre, Whitburn Road, Bathgate EH48 2RD

10/11/2011 – Daisy Community Centre, 3 The Mall, Craigshill EH54

11/11/2011 – Broompark Community Hall, Davies Row, Denny FK6 6NP

12/11/2011 – AM Camelon Community Education Centre, Abercrombie Street FK1 4HA
PM Dawson Community Centre, David’s Loan, Langlees, Falkirk FK2 7RG

14/11/2011 – Raploch Community Campus, Drip Road, Stirling FK8 1SD

15/11/2011 – Tesco, Wallace Street, Stirling FK8 1NP

16/11/2011 – Mayfield Court, Bannockburn Road FK7 0BP

17/11/2011 – AM Clackmannanshire Community Healthcare Centre, Hallpark Road, Sauchie FK10 3JQ
PM Alloa Family Centre, East Castle Street, Alloa FK10 1AT

18/11/2011 – AM Tillicoultry Health Centre, Park Street, Tillicoultry FK13 6AG
PM Civic Centre Tullibody FK10 2RS

21/11/2011 – AM Methil Community Centre, Bowling Green, Methil KY8 3DH
PM Savoy Community Centre, Bryon street, Methil KY8 3JQ

22/11/2011 – Templehall Community Centre, Kirkcaldy Place, Kirkcaldy KY2 6EX

23/11/2011 – ASDA, Halbeath Road, Dunfermline KY11 4LP

To find out more, visit www.playtalkread.org
Did you know that the big things like confidence, reading and language skills develop when your kids are under three? The more you play, talk and read with them when they’re young, the better they’ll be at learning new skills when they grow up.

**Play**

*Did you know* that your child’s brain is growing at such an amazing rate, that by three years old it will be three quarters of its adult size? The more you play with your kids now, the better learners they’ll be as they grow up.

If it seems like a long time ago since you’ve played, don’t worry. It’ll come back to you like riding a bike!

**Here are some tips:**

- Enjoy yourself – the sillier you feel, the more your child will love it!
- Trash can be treasure – and the best play ideas often don’t cost a penny. A bottle could be a rocket or add some rice and it’s a musical shaker. Kids love using their imagination!
- If your wee one doesn’t seem interested, just try another activity.
- Play can be any time or anywhere – you don’t need hours to spare or a strict routine.

**Talk**

*Did you know* that if you talk a lot to your kids, you can increase the amount of words they know by as many as 250 by the age of two? The more you do it now, the better at talking they’ll be when they get to nursery.

Don’t worry if you feel a bit silly talking to your wee one when they can’t really talk back to you yet. It’s perfectly natural, and you’ll get used to it. And you’re helping them learn to speak and think for themselves.

**Here are some tips:**

- Even if your child likes music or the TV, sometimes it’s good to talk with less background noise – it will help them learn to concentrate, too.
- Say what you see – it’s a great way of teaching your child words. “Here comes the bus!”
- If your wee one says something in the wrong way, don’t correct them – just repeat the word back in the right way and they’ll soon learn.
- Have fun. Talking gives you and your wee one a chance to shine – you can talk about anything you want!

**Read**

*Did you know* that kids can develop up to half of their language skills before they are three? The more you look at books together now, the better they’ll be with their reading and words as they get older.

To your wee one, you’re the best storyteller in the world, so why not give it a go? Reading doesn’t cost a penny either – just visit your local library.

**Here are some tips:**

- Encourage them to turn the pages with you. They’ll soon be so good at it they’ll take the book off you and do it themselves!
- Running your finger over words as you say them will help your child learn that the ‘squiggles’ they see actually mean something.
- Read at a slow pace so your baby or toddler can keep up.
- Get cosy – find a quiet space for you both to tuck away and hide from the hustle and bustle of the day.

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