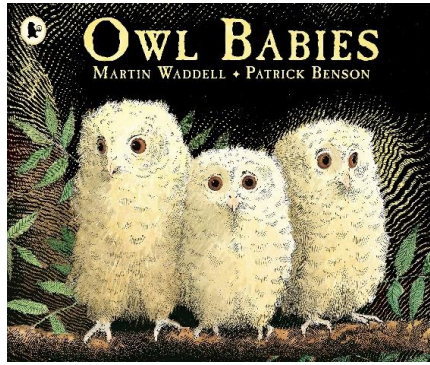


Owl Babies

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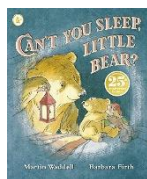
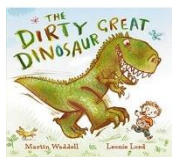
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Ten Top Ideas and Activities

1. **Tell a new story** - Children can make up a story about mother Owl's night-time adventure. You can write down their story or help them write it themselves if they'd like to. Children can draw their own pictures to illustrate the story and then you can enjoy reading it aloud together.
2. **Make stick puppets** - Children can use lollysticks, pencils or twigs to make simple owl puppets. From a piece of card, cut out three baby owl shapes and one large mother owl shape. Talk about their different sizes.
3. **Make a nest for the owl babies** - Go into the garden and collect things for around - stones, grass, leaves twigs and make a nest big enough to fit the babies and mummy in. Could you make one each for the Owls? Whose will be the biggest?
4. **Feely Bag**- Owls are good at hunting and finding things in the dark. Play a feely bag game. Get a bag (not plastic) and fill with different everyday items - a brush, keys, spoon, ball etc. Take turns to putting your hand in and guessing, just by feeling, what the items might be. No peeping! What do the items feel like? Spikey? Smooth? Hard? Soft? Spongy? Bumpy?
5. **What is Missing (or Kim's Game)** - Mummy went missing and the owls didn't know where she was. Can you say what is missing? Choose 5 items and put on the table. These can be everyday items or even toys. Ask your child to close their eyes and take one item away. Open eyes- what has gone? Take turns. Make hard by having more items
6. **Dance, flap and balance** - the owl babies danced and flapped on their branch when Mummy came back. Put a string, rope, skipping rope outside and this is the branch. Can the children walk along it without falling off? Can they flap, jump, skip, hop etc? Maybe they can make up a dance to do along the rope to some of their favourite music!

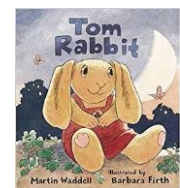
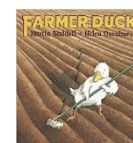
7. **Nature hunt** - if you go outside for a walk look at the natural world around you. Look at the trees Can you collect some natural objects? Perhaps collect different leaves for trees and look at the difference on shape and colour? Look at the different coloured blossom. Do all trees have blossom?
8. **Hunting** - Choose a toy and take turns to be Mummy owl and hunt for it around the room or house. Are you getting warmer or colder? Get the children to tell you where it is when they have found it. 'It was under the chairs' 'It was behind the cushion on the sofa' etc'
9. **Feelings game** - The owls felt different things during the story - worried, scared, nervous, happy, excited, pleased etc. Can the children show these with expressions and actions? Can they do others - angry, surprised, shocked? Don't be afraid of using these words with the children- it extends their vocabulary!
10. **Model Owls** - Use playdough to make Percy, Sarah, Bill and Mummy. Are they all the same size? Have they got wings and a beak? How could you make them? Could you use your finger nail to show the feathers? Don't forget their feet and claws/talons.

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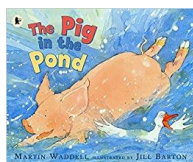
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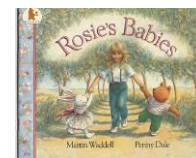
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Slow motion barn owl in flight - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hIKo42iPslg>

RSPB - <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/bird-a-z/owl-family/>

Suffolk Owl sanctuary - scroll down to Foundation Stage and see PDFs for owl masks, colouring sheets etc <https://www.owl-help.org.uk/teacher-packs>

DK Find out Owl facts for kids - lots of text but videos to watch, beautiful photos and things to do <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/animals-and-nature/birds/owls/>

The Barn Owl Trust- fun facts, jokes, puzzles, colouring <https://www.barnowltrust.org.uk/owl-facts-for-kids/>

Rhymes and Songs about Owls

Owl Song



(Sung To: I'm a little Teapot)

I'm a great big owl, as you can see
I live high up in a tree.
All the other birds wake me up when they play,
Because I like to sleep in the day



Owl in the Tree



(Sung To: Skip to my Lou)

Owl in the tree says, who, who, who
Owl in the tree says, who, who, who
Owl in the tree says, who, who, who
Who, who, are you? (point to a child and have them say their name)



Wide Eyed Owl

There's a wide eye owl (make binoculars with hands on eyes)
With a pointed nose (point ot nose)
Two pointed ears (grab ears)
And claws for toes (wiggle fingers and point to toes)
He lives way up in the tree (point up to the ceiling)
And when he looks at you (point)
He flaps his wings (flap arms like wings)
And says Who...Whoo! (continue flapping)



Five Little Owls

Five little owls on a moonlit night
Five little owls are quite a sight.
Five little owls Are you keeping score?
One flew away! And then there were Four.
Four little owls happy as can be,
One flew away then there were Three.
Three little owls calling Who, Who
One flew away and that left two.
Two little owls having lots of fun.
One flew away and that left One.
One little owl we are almost done
He flew away and that leaves none

