

Home Literacy Calendar

January 2026

Fun, easy activities to do with your child to help develop their early literacy skills



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 Draw Happy New Year! Write the date and encourage your child to copy or trace the numbers.	2 Play Let's have a treasure hunt. Hide books or toys around the house and give clues to help find them.	3 Read It's a full moon tonight. Read a book about space and imagine you're an astronaut.	4 STEM Look up at the sky. Can you find the moon? Describe your observations (e.g. shape, size, brightness)
5 Read Read a book that contains a bus or train. See if you can spot any today.	6 Talk How many yellow items do you have in your wardrobe? Do you have any green clothes?	7 Sing 'The wheels on the bus go round and round...' ♪ Sing <i>The Wheels on the Bus</i> .	8 Draw Paint a picture with water on a blackboard or footpath.	9 Play Dress up time! Encourage your child to tell a story in their costume.	10 Read Story Saturday! Find your biggest book and your smallest book and read them both.	11 STEM STEM Sunday! What's the biggest and smallest thing in your house? How about in each room?
12 Read Read a book about going to the beach. Have you been to the beach? Talk about your last adventure to the beach.	13 Talk How many words can you think of that rhyme with 'cat'? Words that rhyme sound the same at the end, like cat and splat.	14 Sing ♪ Sing <i>Here is the Sea</i> . 'Here is the sea, the wavy sea, here is a boat and here is me...'	15 Draw Using scissors is a great way to build hand strength. If paper is too tricky, try cutting playdough.	16 Play Build a blanket fort or cubby house with a table, sheets and pillows. Don't forget some books to read.	17 Read Creepy crawlies, no-sees-ums and minibeasts. Wiggle into a book about insects or spiders.	18 STEM STEM Sunday! Look for bugs in your garden. How many can you find?
19 Read Visit your local library and choose some picture books to borrow.	20 Talk What things in your house are triangle-shaped? Look for triangles wherever you are today.	21 Sing When you sing to your baby, they develop language and listening skills—and so much more!	22 Draw Encourage your child to 'sign' their name on their drawings and art projects.	23 Play Can you make a block tower longer or taller than your favourite toy?	24 Read Read a book about nighttime or bedtime. What is your bedtime routine?	25 STEM Play with torches. Create shadow puppets on the wall. What shapes can you make?
26 Read Read a book about an Australian animal. How many can you name?	27 Talk Moo. Meow. Woof. Talk to your child about their favourite animals and imitate their sounds.	28 Sing Sing any song you know about animals. <i>Baby Koala, Five Little Ducks, Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree</i> .	29 Draw Ask your child to draw their favourite animal.	30 Play Bubbles! Blow bubbles with your child today.	31 Read It's Story Saturday! Read a book about friendship.	

