

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

