

Handmade books

Help your child to make their own non-fiction books to read. They can be about letters and sounds, shapes, sizes, colours, numbers, their family or sports, for example. This can be as much fun as reading a bought book, if not more so.

You can either use a blank notebook or jotter, or staple, stick or stitch individual pages together. Give it a cover, title and author so it's just like a real book.

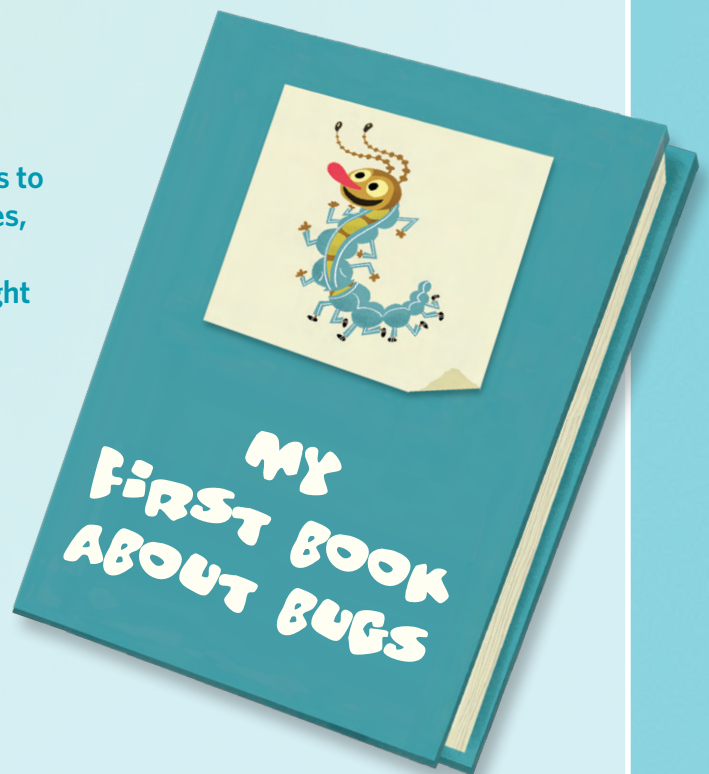
Keep it simple by using a new page for each letter or number, etc. Illustrations can be added by drawing pictures, sticking in photographs, downloading graphics or making a collage of different images.

Story books

If your child wants to make a story book, you could write the text for them as they tell you the story. They can add the pictures themselves later. Gradually develop this by writing the story for them on a piece of paper so they can copy it into their book (emergent writing).

KEY SKILLS

Small motor skills
Linking sounds and letters
Emergent writing



Parent activity sheet