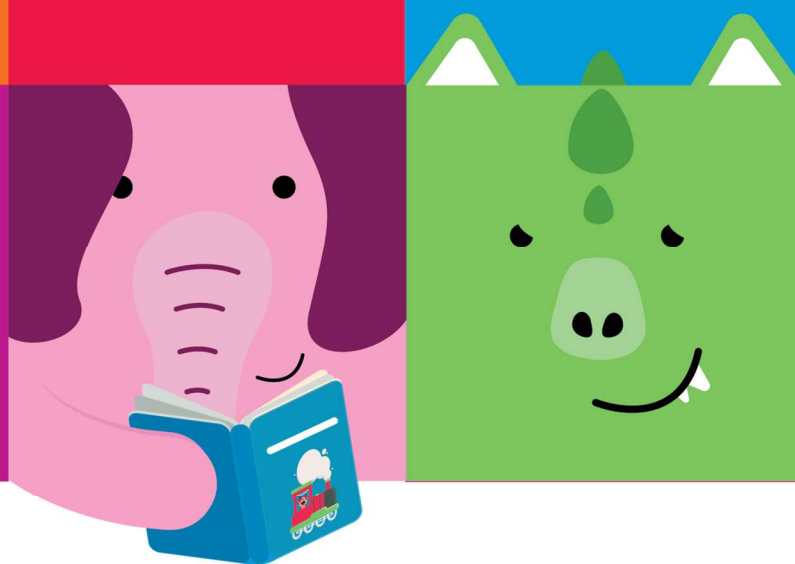
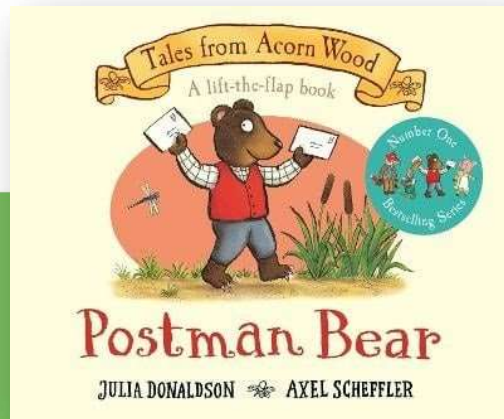


Kit 1



Additional activities to use with the stories



Bear is writing letters to his friends. But what could his letters be about? Lift the flaps and join Frog, Squirrel and Mole for Bear's special surprise!

The Tales from Acorn Wood series has been delighting parents and children for over twenty years. The book has sturdy flaps on every spread and rhyming stories that are a joy to read aloud.

Our reader said:

I love this book and have used it as it is so engaging with the flaps. It's a great classic and there are other stories linked to it.

Make Your Own Letter and Envelope



Materials: Paper, envelopes, crayons or markers, stickers, stamps (optional).

Activity: Create your own letters just like Postman Bear does in the book. Draw a picture for a friend or family member and decorate envelopes with stickers and stamps.

Why do it? Encouraging children to make their own letter provides an opportunity to see how the child is really feeling if they struggle expressing themselves verbally.

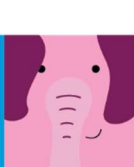
Create a Birthday Card for Bear

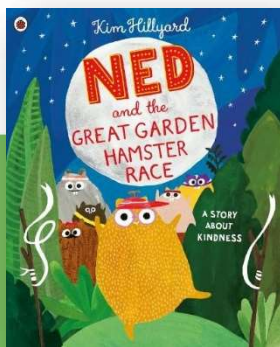


Materials: Paper, markers, crayons, stickers, glue, and other craft materials.

Activity: Since the story involves a birthday surprise for Bear, you can design and decorate birthday cards for Bear. Encourage children to draw pictures or add their own special messages.

Why do it? This provides an opportunity to talk to the child about their own birthday wishes.





The publisher says:

This is the perfect story to remind children about the importance of kindness. Ned the hamster has been in training for the Great Garden Hamster Race but when race day arrives, will he realise that a few small acts of kindness are more important than winning at any cost?

Our reader said:

I really enjoyed this story about how someone helping us can have such a positive impact and the power of togetherness.

Design Your Own Hamster Racetrack



- **Materials:** Anything really! You could use household objects or create the racetrack with paper, markers, crayons, craft materials (e.g., glue, scissors)
- **Activity:** Create your own hamster racetrack! You can add obstacles to make it fun and challenging, just like in the story. Once finished, you can race your Book Buddy or make paper hamsters.
- **Why do it?** This is a fun opportunity to be creative.

Hamster Emotions Chart



- **Materials:** Paper, crayons or markers, stickers (optional).
- **Activity:** Create a 'Hamster Emotions Chart'. Draw or list emotions that Ned felt during the race (e.g., excitement, nervousness, frustration, happiness). Children can also add their own feelings and discuss what made Ned feel that way and how they experience similar emotions.
- **Why do it?** This activity will help the child start to recognise their own feelings in others, building empathy. It also gives you an opportunity to discuss their own emotions with them.

Drawing Another Hamster Friend



- **Materials:** Pen, crayons or markers
- **Activity:** The Hamsters in the book come in all shapes and sizes: big, small, hairy, scary! Make your own Hamster character. As they go along, ask them why they've chosen to make them in the way that they have.
- **Why do it?** Letting the child express themselves creatively offers an opportunity to understand them better.

