



August – Book of the Month

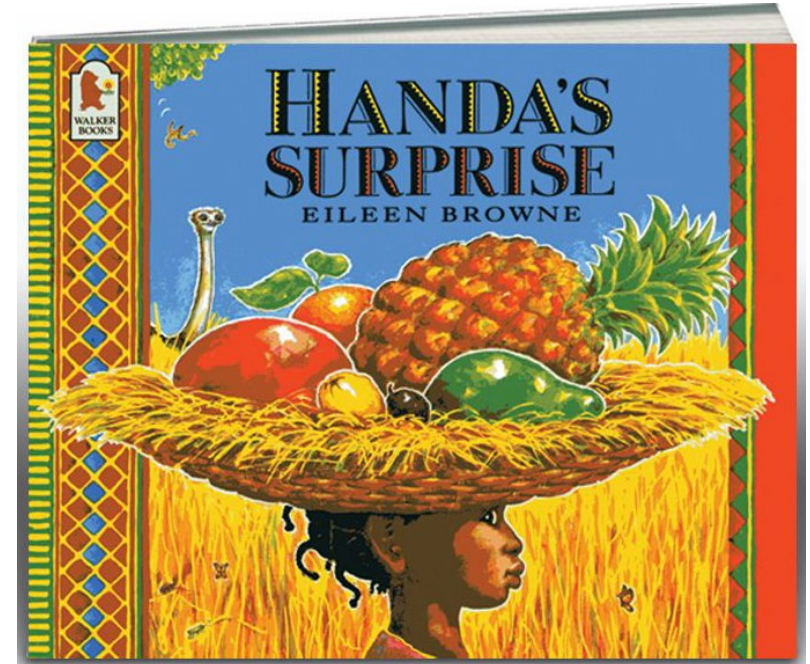
“Handa’s Surprise” by Eileen Browne

For Ages: 3 – 6 years

Great because:

- Kids love the naughty animals stealing the fruit.
- Repetitive events on each page, so kids can learn to tell the story by themselves.
- The simple pictures help kids describe what action is happening on each page e.g. ‘stealing’ ‘bumping’.
- Lots of animals, fruit and describing words for kids to learn e.g. ‘soft, yellow banana’.
- Encourages thinking about what happened and why there is a surprise for Handa.

Can’t find this book? Choose a different book about different fruits to develop vocabulary.



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August – Activity of the Month

Sponge Painting

For ages: 18 months +

You'll need: Sponges, paints, paper, and scissors. Cut sponges into different shapes.

Great because:

- Easier than paint brushes for smaller children.
- You can cut out different shapes depending on what your child is interested in e.g. fruit, cars, people.
- When they are dry you can draw features on e.g. faces.
- Kids can use their imagination, do some circles and then make them into different things e.g. ball, apple, face, wheel.
- Talk about colours and shapes.
- Kids can help wash out the sponges when you're finished. Squeezing helps their hands get stronger for fine motor skills.



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August – Toy of the Month

Do It Yourself Goop

For Ages: 2 years +

Ingredients:

- 2 cups corn flour
- Up to 1 cup water (might not need it all)
- Few drops of food colouring

Method:

1. Slowly add water to corn flour and food colouring in a big bowl.
2. Mix together with hands until it sticks together.
3. Have fun playing!!!

Great because:

- Most kids love the slippery texture, feels nice and soft on the hands.
- Talk about how mixing together can make something new.
- Talk about concepts: dry, slimy, slippery.
- Experiment with mixing colours together.



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