



February – Book of the Month

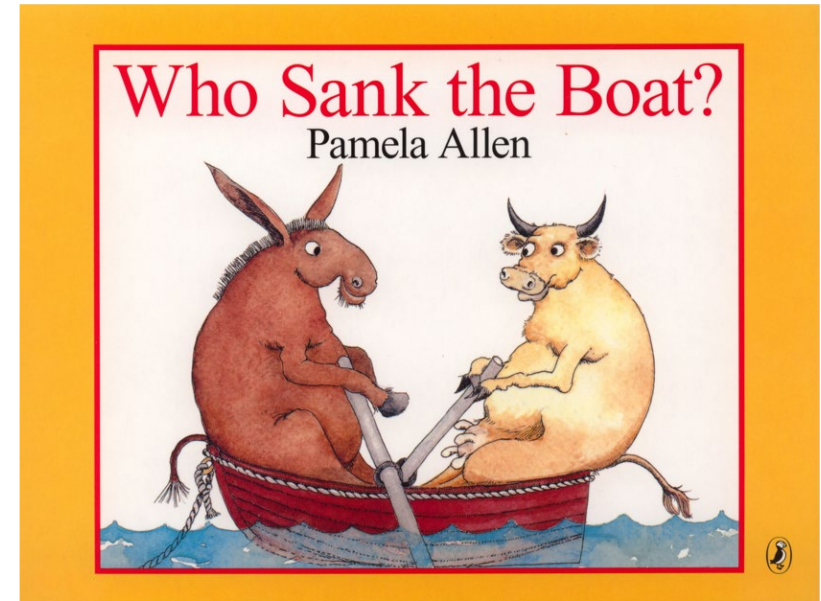
Spot the Dog Series

For Ages: 2-7 years

Great because:

- It rhymes and has a repetitive line “Do you know who sank the boat?” – This is great for early readers.
- Children love seeing all the animals fall in the water.
- You can talk about concepts such as ‘heavy’, ‘light’, ‘balance’, ‘first’ and ‘last’.
- You can pretend boat play and sing ‘row row row your boat’ as part of learning about the story.
- You can act the story out in a classroom/childcare setting.
You can use a big foam roll as a boat.

Can’t find this book? Choose a book by Pamela Allen from the library.



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February – Activity of the Month

Water Play

For Ages: any age

You'll need: Water, cups, buckets, dishwashing detergent, rocks, sticks and leaves

Great because:

- Cool down during outdoor play!
- Big and little kids can play together.
- Learn action words like pour and tip.
- Pretend play - make your leaves into boats.
- Talk and learn about sinking, floating, full and empty. Older children might like to guess if something might 'sink' or 'float'.
- Pretend play - kids might like to wash your pots and pans for you outside, just add a little dishwashing detergent to a bucket of water.
- Pretend play – you can show your child how to pretend a cup is a hand reel or a stick is a fishing rod. You can talk about all the 'big fish' you catch from the bucket.



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February – Toy of the Month

Fishing Games

For Ages: 18 months - 5+ years

Great because:

- Young and older children can play together.
- Requires hand eye coordination and encourages children to keep trying when something is tricky.
- Can encourage groups of children to play together.
- Toddlers can learn words like splash, pour and “got it”.
- Kindy kids might be able to talk about the size, colour and number of the fish they catch. They can learn about taking turns and comment and talk about others catching fish.
- For older children you can place little challenges on each fish such as sight words or letters.



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