



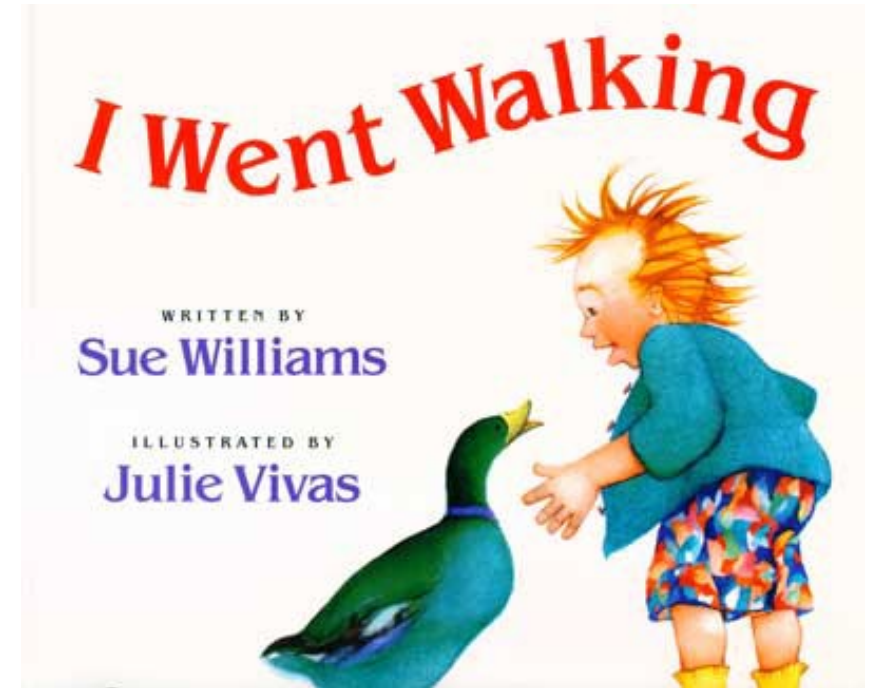
November – Book of the Month

“I Went Walking” by Sue Williams

For Ages: 0 – 8 years

Great because:

- Animals and colours: the boy finds animals in his walking journey. You can use animal noises (meow) and develop colours with young children. ‘I saw a black cat looking at me...’
- Repetition: the book uses repetition which is great for young readers as there is repetitive text and words they will become familiar with. Little ones learning to talk will be able to read along with the repetitive text as well.
- Large Print: for children who have trouble with their eyes.
- Rhyming: the story rhymes throughout. This is a great way to teach rhyme to children who are starting school or are at school. You can have children fill in the blanks ‘Looking at ____?’
- Great for imagination and creating stories: Have children tell you about when they go walking like the child in the book, what do they see?



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November – Activity of the Month

Treasure Hunt

For Ages: 2 – 5 years +

Great because:

- Start simple for little ones and let them find objects you have partly hidden.
- Practice games with rules: taking turns to hide count or search.
- Understanding and giving instructions: "Look under the tree. Look on top of the table. 'Look between the pots. Look to your left."
- Take it outside – gets kids moving around.
- Develop concepts: long, round, green.
- Older kids can learn to understand and read basic maps.
- Develop early sound awareness skills by looking for items starting a particular sound e.g. Find something in the room starting with 'b'
- Hide items in containers filled with sand / slime / rice / pasta (wet or dry)
- Once children can read you can write them a list of things to find



Things to find:

- A rock
- A leave
- A stick
- An insect
- Something long
- Something round
- Something green
- Something hard
- Something wet
- Something you think is pretty
- Something you think is treasure

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November – Toy of the Month

Cardboard Box Games



For Ages: 6 months – 5 years +

Great because:

1. Fun to crawl through.
2. Great for peek-a-boo / Jack in a box!
3. Hide and seek.
4. Pretend and imaginative play. Pretend the box is a car, ship, building, drum, house or even an oven!
5. Smaller boxes can be used to build up and knock down like the Angry Birds game...
6. You can teach concepts including: big, little, on, in, light, dark, though, around, next to, open, shut...
7. Older kids can get some paper plates, foil tins, paper rolls and make a car or train
8. Sensory ideas – push/pull different weighted boxes, squeeze inside a box to feel calm, look at glow sticks in a box, hanging socks to crawl through.

Want more ideas? Go on the internet and look up ‘cardboard box ideas for kids.’

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