Bookstart – Helping children become lifelong readers

The Book Trust programme, Bookstart, offers **FREE** book packs for every child, and guidance materials for parents and carers. The packs help families develop a daily reading habit in the home and give every child a flying start in life. All partners working with children and families can promote the availability of the packs and help every child become a reader.

**Bookstart Baby**
The Bookstart Baby packs are for every child before their first birthday. They are gifted by health practitioners and start children on their reading journey. The packs can also help families bond through the shared activity of reading.

**Bookstart Treasure**
The Bookstart Treasure gifts are for every three-to-four-year-old. They are gifted by early years practitioners in nurseries, playgroups or other settings. The pack helps every child to become a confident and enthusiastic learner.

**Bookstart Corner**
The Bookstart Corner pack is for children aged 12-to-24-months and reaches families that need more support to develop a daily reading habit. The programme is targeted and delivered by children’s centre practitioners within the family home. The programme is non-threatening and has had real success in supporting parents and carers, winning the 2013 Nursery World Award for ‘Working with Parents’.

**Book Trust** is a charity that works to transform lives through inspiring a love of reading. We know that reading for pleasure helps children to do well at school and increases their well-being, so we do everything we can to help to make sure that every child can enjoy stories and books from as early as possible.

We hope that reading will become a part of a daily routine that the whole family look forward to.
Bookstart for every child

Bookstart also provides packs for children who need extra support to develop a love of books and reading. The packs contain advice and guidance for parents and carers to support their child’s additional needs. The following are available from your local Bookstart Coordinator.

**Booktouch**

There are two packs available for children between the ages of 0-5 who are blind or partially sighted:
- Booktouch Baby (0-2 years old)
- Booktouch (3-5 years old)

**Bookshine**

There are two packs available for children between the ages of 0-5 who are deaf or hearing impaired:
- Bookshine Baby (0-2 years old)
- Bookshine (3-5 years old)

**Bookstart Star**

For children aged 3-5 who have a condition or disability that impacts on or delays their fine motor skills.

To discover more about Book Trust and for more information on how to receive the Bookstart packs visit [www.bookstart.org.uk](http://www.bookstart.org.uk) and help every child become a reader.

Families can access lots of stories, books, rhymes and games at [www.bookstart.org.uk/have-some-fun](http://www.bookstart.org.uk/have-some-fun)