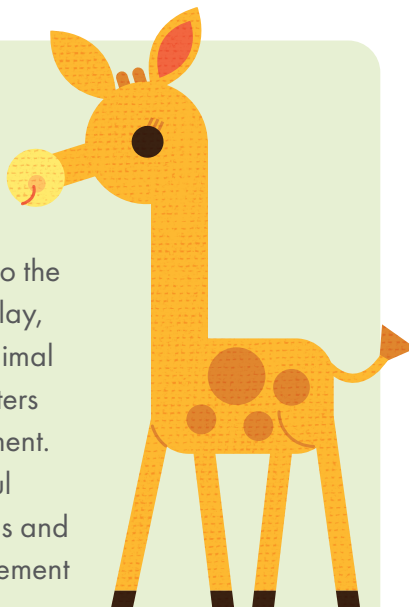


THIS MONTH'S THEME On Safari

This engaging theme introduces little ones to the wonders of the Safari through interactive play, sensory activities and exploration. From animal sounds to colorful visuals, each activity fosters curiosity and promotes cognitive development. Babies will enjoy storytime featuring playful safari tales, hands-on activities with animals and nature-inspired songs that encourage movement and rhythm.



**Sing and dance at home
with theme-based music!**

READ EVERY DAY

Establish a reading routine

to bond with your child through stories. Reading to your baby can help establish a predictable daily routine while also promoting brain activity, early literacy skills and language development.

Try this way to read: Read with expression and use different voices for different characters.

How:

- Use different tones and facial expressions as you read about each animal.
- Read the story with different voices for each animal.
- Read at a different volume for different parts of the story.

Tip of the Month: Create a routine: Set aside a specific time of day for reading, like before bed or nap time.

Play & Learn at Home

Encourage different types of play with objects you can find at home or in nature. Below are three activities you can try at home related to the same type of play.



Shake & Pound

How does the child track objects with their eyes and hands?

Young Infant

While the child is on their tummy, roll a ball toward them. Play the song.

Older Infant

Sit with the child and pound on a ball. Play the song.

Young Toddler

Invite the child to pound on and bounce a ball. Play the song.

How does the child respond to changes in music speed?

Young Infant

While the child is on their back, play the song.

Older Infant

Pound on a drum. Offer a drum or pot to the child, then play the song.

Young Toddler

Offer the child a drum or pot and invite them to pound on it to make a rhythm. Play the song.

How does the child work to discover the sounds or actions of a hidden toy?

Young Infant

While the child is on their tummy, shake a toy to gain their attention.

Older Infant

Shake the toy near the child, then move it out of sight but continue the noise.

Young Toddler

Shake the toy near the child, then move it out of sight.

BOOKS & NURSERY RHYMES



From Head to Toe
by Eric Carle



**Touch and Feel
Jungle Animals**
by DK Publishing



Little Gorilla
by Ruth Bornstein

Eneny Meeny Miny Moe

Eneny, meeny, miny, moe
Catch a tiger by the toe!
If he hollers, let him go,
Eneny, meeny, miny, moe.