

## Floppy Phonics Wordless Books Information

Floppy's Phonics Wordless Books are part of the Floppy's Phonics reading program, designed for children in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). These books are intended to introduce young learners to the concept of storytelling and book handling before they begin reading text.

### Key Features:

- **No Text:** The books contain no written words, focusing instead on illustrations that encourage children to tell the story in their own words, encouraging creativity and language development.
- **Engaging Illustrations:** The vibrant, detailed pictures help children understand events in the story and sequencing without relying on text.
- **Developing Oral Language Skills:** Children are encouraged to describe what they see, predict what might happen next, and discuss the characters and settings, which supports vocabulary growth and comprehension.
- **Preparation for Reading:** These books prepare children for phonics instruction by developing their understanding of story structure and the left-to-right directionality of text.

### Purpose in EYFS:

Floppy's Phonics Wordless Books are used to help prepare children for the wide range of skills involved in learning to read. They help children become familiar with the concept of books and storytelling, which is essential for their future literacy development. They are an important part of early childhood education, supporting communication, language, and literacy goals in the EYFS curriculum.

### Top Tips For Supporting at Home:

1. Begin by looking at the cover. What can you see? What clues to the story does the cover illustration show?
2. Read the title. Does the title give you any ideas of what the story might be about? Make predictions about the story based on the cover and title.
3. Take a picture walk. Look through the pages of the book with the sole purpose of enjoying the pictures. Talk about anything that captures your attention.
4. "Read" the story. You might go first, inviting your child to add to your story as they see fit. Don't be afraid to tell your story with dramatic flair. Add sound effects and interesting voices that suit the characters of your tale.
5. Encourage your child to take a turn telling their own version of the story, using the pictures and turning the pages as they go.
6. Ask questions about the book — which is your favourite illustration? Do you have a favourite part of the story or a favourite character? Can you tell about a time you have felt like the main character or found yourself in a similar situation?

