



Book of the fortnight.....The Ugly Duckling read the book or Watch online at [The Ugly Duckling - Books Alive! Read Aloud book for kids - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v_FpxF8z3Kg) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v_FpxF8z3Kg

Age 2+ Age 3+ Age 4+

3 good things

All the other animals were unkind to the ugly duckling.

Sometimes it feels like everything is going wrong for us too. However try talking to your child about 3 good things that have happened in the day.

It helps everyone feel better if you remember the good things.

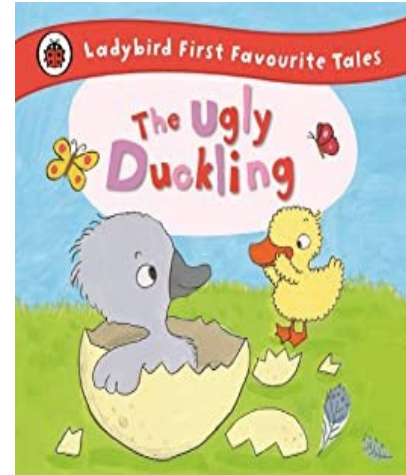
Animal noises

The ducks go quack, the swan goes honk.

How many different animal noises can you make?

Dog? Cat? Cow? Sheep?

Try listening in the garden or park to the different bird songs you can hear. (Or of course the different emergency vehicle sirens.)



Which one?

Using some of the simple words from the story eg duck cat hen . Try saying the sounds in the the word for your child then the word

e.g. d-u-c duck

Ask the children to repeat this with you d-u-c duck then try with the other words.

The next challenge is for you to say the sounds in a word and see if your child knows which animal you are talking about.

An extra challenge? Write the words as well.

Counting

You could use eggs or something less breakable for this!

Get your small group of objects, any number under 10. Together see how many different ways you can arrange the things.

A line, a longer line, a circle, into 2 groups, 3 groups? Count them each time have you still got the same number?

Try a different number another time.

Feelings

At different times in the day talk to your child about how they are feeling. Name the emotions for them you look, happy, excited, angry, upset, sad, surprised.

You could try making it into a game. Make different faces to see if your child can guess what emotion your face is showing.

Best done when everyone is feeling calm!

Lake, pond or Mere

We are lucky enough to have lots of open water around Scarborough. Peasholm lake, the pond under Valley bridge, the Mere and others further afield.

Visit your closest one and see if you can spot any ducklings. It might be too early yet, but keep looking they should be out on the water soon.