



Book of the fortnight.....The Train Ride read the book or Watch online at [The Train Ride by June Crebbin - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QiqFOZcZVdg) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QiqFOZcZVdg>

Age 2+ Age 3+ Age 4+

Model train

Try making a model train, this can be flat on a piece of paper or a box model.

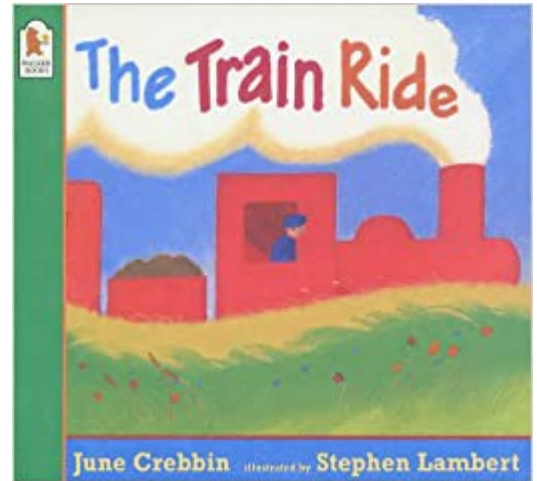
Talk about the shapes you see. Squares, circles, rectangles, corners, sides, straight and curved lines.

What else can you make with the same or different shapes?

Visit the station

If you don't want to visit the station to watch the trains (face masks still required).

You can still watch the trains from Westwood or the bridge. Maybe not fun for you but lots of children really love this. If you are passing on a Thursday afternoon the Steam Engine might be at the station!



Map the Journey

You can draw the train track and add pictures of all the things they see from the train.

Or maybe you do a journey a lot with your child to nursery or somewhere else. What important features would they add to the map? Maybe a special tree or wall with a particular pattern. You might be surprised what your child has noticed on these journeys.

A horse and her foal

The family see a horse and a foal from the train window. What other parent and child animal pairs do you know?

The duck and ducklings but what about a baby swan or baby fox?

Let us know your most surprising baby animal names.

Shape hunt

Hunt around the house or outside for different shapes.

What can you find that is rectangular, circular, triangular or square?

Count the sides and corners to help you decide what shape something is.

There are all sorts of different shape names pentagon, ellipse, nonagon, pyramid, cone, hemisphere. Have a look and see if you can find any of these different shapes.

Google might be useful if you want to check what these shapes look like.

What do you see?

Next time you are on a journey, on a train, bus, in a car or just walking talk about what you see.

You and your child may see different things. Listen to each other and find out what you each think about the world around you.