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Craigmillar Books for Babies is a multi-agency project which aims to encourage and support parents and carers to share books and stories with their babies and to promote reading as a relevant and worthwhile source of pleasure which enhances children's early development.

Educational research shows that a child's reading ability is significantly affected by experience prior to formal education. This project will directly encourage parents and carers to actively involve their children with books at an early age.

During the project, the intention is to provide every family of a new-born baby in the Craigmillar area with a selection of books and information promoting the enjoyment of reading.

When the child is:

New-born

The family will be invited to join Craigmillar Books for Babies and given a board book by their health visitor.

Two months

A Baby Book Bag containing another book and items such as a book list, information leaflets, a poster, rhyme cards, and library membership forms is given at the health clinic visit. The project worker is there to talk with the parent or carer about sharing books with babies.

Seven months

A Bookstart Bag containing two books and items such as information leaflets, a nursery rhyme place mat and a booklist is given at the health clinic visit. The project worker is there to talk with the parent or carer about sharing books with babies.

Two years

Another free book is chosen from a selection of books at the child's two year health check.

Throughout the baby's first three years:

Events and Outreach work

The project continues to offer families support through a variety of contacts such as home visits, drop-in groups and library events, offering a variety of ways for parents and children to explore language and develop important family habits that foster good communication and learning together. Through these events and other more informal contact the project provides a number of resources such as books and vouchers, posters and other literary related materials.

Newsletter

All the events are highlighted in the project's quarterly newsletter where fun ways to encourage early language development are reinforced. The project also offers information about other resources in the local area such as parent and toddler groups and nursery education. Parents or carers are also referred to other agencies and services for advice and guidance.

Steering Group

Craigmillar Books for Babies is a project of the Craigmillar Literacy Trust, managed by a multi-disciplinary Steering Group including nursery and home link teachers, librarians, health visitors and parent, social work and local business representatives.

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