

## Sensory Stories Part 2

Here are some more sensory stories to try at home. Again, all the stories are available to listen to on You Tube.

A simple way to use sensory stories at home is to create sensory baskets or boxes. Your child can explore the items while listening to the story or wait and explore the items after the story. A few simple items related to the story will help bring the story to life. Where possible use real objects, or something which has similar properties, and you can add other sensory items too. You can also follow up stories to keep the theme going with other sensory activities and craft activities.

### The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Leaves

Some real fruit or other foods – you don't need everything in the story, just a couple of examples.

Blanket – wrap your child in a blanket cocoon!

Bright colored scarf, material, sheet etc – anything you have which can be brightly coloured butterfly wings.



Why not try some caterpillar and butterfly crafts too!



Print your own caterpillar using toilet roll or kitchen roll tubes.

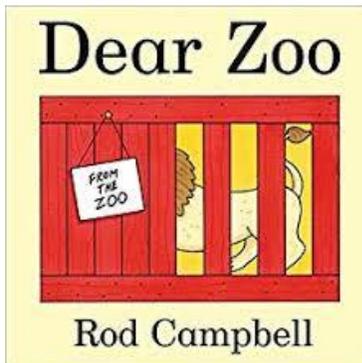


Paint one side of a paper butterfly and fold to make a symmetrical butterfly painting.

### **Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell**

A range of containers/ boxes with lids on/ bags etc – one item to find in each container. (If you have some of the cuddly toy animals use these, if you don't you could use other toys, different types of balls, sound making objects or any random objects.)

After reading the story, explore the containers – the focus for the activity is opening the containers, and getting a surprise!





You could make a paper plate snake.

Decorate a paper plate with paint and ask an adult to cut it into a spiral to make a snake.

### **The Tiger Who Came To Tea by Judith Kerr**

Tiger cuddly toy (or something similar e.g. a cat, a lion, or Bagpuss in my case! 🐾)

Tiger sound effect (search on You Tube)

Tea set (a plastic toy tea set is fine)

Tea bags/ tea leaves – to smell!

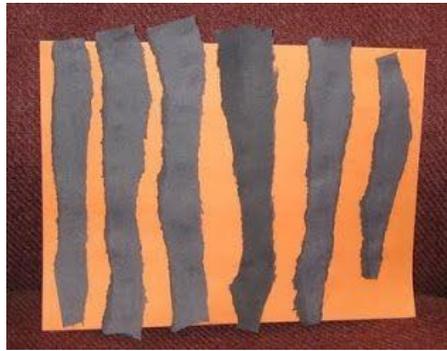
A piece of bread, or a biscuit.

Pots and pans.

A tin of food.

A bowl of water.





Why not explore tiger patterns with orange and black paint or paper.

### **We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen**

Cuddly teddy bear.

Plastic tubs/ trays – grass, water, soil/ mud, ice, twigs and leaves.

A blanket to make a cave/ den.

- ★ If you don't want to use real soil/ mud, you could make hot chocolate cloud dough (feels like kinetic sand). You'll only need a small amount. Here's the recipe, which you can cut in half if it's too much:

4 cups flour (I don't think it matters what kind)

2 cups hot chocolate powder

1 cup oil (any vegetable oil, sunflower oil etc is fine – you can also use baby oil but not your child is likely to put it in their mouth)

Don't worry if you can't access all of these resources, just use the things you have.





Paper Plate Bear

Then you could make a bear using a paper plate and tissue paper, brown paper scraps or paint!