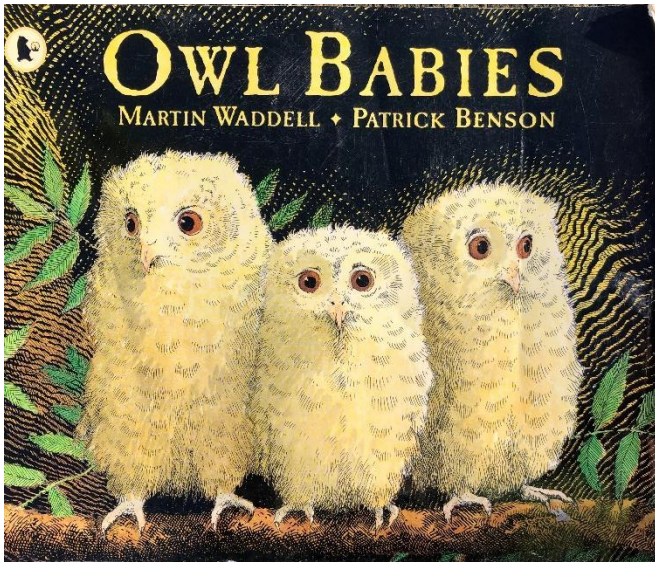


Read the Story



Today's storybook is *Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson. You can share the text and listen to the book being read by following this link to the BookTrust website.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/>

While you are there look out for some other storybooks to share with your little ones. We love the uplifting tale of Sam the dog (*Some Dogs Do*) and everyone's favourite scruffy mutt, *Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy*.

Get out and about

Go for a walk to your favourite park or open space. Can you spot any trees with holes high up in their trunks? Do these look as though they may be good trees for mummy owl to make her nest? While you are in the park you could collect some feathers or dry-ish autumn leaves to take home. See if you can find a bright green feather from a parakeet!

If you also read the *Hairy Maclary* story you could see how many dogs you and your children can spot in the park. Do any of them look like *Hairy Maclary*?

Things to make and do when you get home

When you get home you could use the feathers and/or leaves you collected to make a paper plate owl like this one using PVA glue or double-sided sticky tape. (If you don't have any paper plates you can draw around a dinner plate.) Add big yellow eyes and a beak to complete your owl baby.



Don't worry if you didn't collect any feathers or leaves. You could cut feather shapes out of brown paper or old wrapping paper like this.

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