

Book of the week: **Meet the Parents**
Written by Peter Bently. Illustrated by Sara Ogilvie. Published by Simon & Schuster Children's UK

Story link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=02TZI6DomtI>



This week's story is all about what your parents do for you.

After you have listened to or read the book, if you have it, try some of the following to help with maths and literacy:

- Maths: How many people live in your house? Count them. Can you give them one each of the following things? Count as you hand them out.
 - One knife, one fork and one spoon each at dinner time
 - One coat each before you go on a walk
 - One biscuit each for a snack
 - One cup or glass each for a drink
 - One hat to wear each
 - One plate each for a sandwich at lunch

What else can you think of?

- Literacy: 'Meet the neighbours' can you sit quietly and listen? What do you hear? Talking? Music? Perhaps some animals in the garden. Can you make some of the noises you can hear? Practice making loud noises, quiet noises, high pitched and low. Read the story and use a different voice when each character speaks. Maybe one character has a high squeaky voice, can you copy with high squeaky words or sounds?
- Maths: Who is the tallest in your family? Can you measure everyone and see how big they all are.
- Literacy: Think of someone in your family, how many words can you use to describe them, the things they do and how you feel about them.

Through the week you could also try some of the following ideas:

1. Let's Make

- Dress up everyone in your family. What happened if you swap clothes? Do they fit? Are they too big or too small? Does it seem a little strange? To see your family dressed up like each other?
- Can you make a den like they do in the book.

2. Let's get messy

- If you use a hosepipe outside things can get really muddy. Why don't you make a muddy patch in your garden, can you use the mud to make a mud castle or mud pies?
- Parents sort out all your messes and muddles – can you tidy up after a meal or when things are looking a bit messy.

3. Let's get moving

- Pretend you are a parent to one or more of your toys. Can you whirl and twirl them around or be a horse and give them a ride, maybe take them for a walk and take some photos of them somewhere different. You want to make sure you get them tired so that they sleep well.

4. Let's take turns

- Can you help feed a little one? Play a posting game, taking it in turns to feed the baby, can you use a spoon or fork to help feed it?
- Play a game with someone at your house where you have to take turns, this could be a board game, card game or something else but you have to wait while the other person has a go.

Here are some links to songs or other resources that can also link into the story that you might want to look at:

A book review by a little boy: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d24PKFZu8oI>