

“Books have the power to change lives.” National Literacy Trust

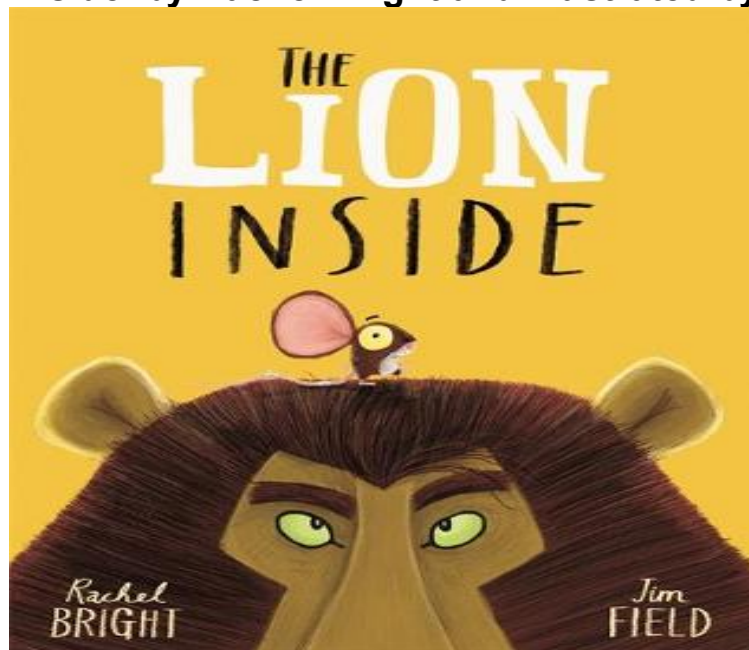
September Book of the Month for Shine under 5s

Shine is recommending a book for under-fives during the summer months with ideas to support your child’s development at home.

In September there’s 3 recommended books **all about starting school and being brave.**

- **‘Benny goes to School’** by Rosemary Batchelor and Val Meyer-Hall with illustrations by Charlotte Meyer (one of the Benny Bear series of books)
- **‘Bella Bear – Now I am Four’** by Sharon Saville with illustrations by Alice Wood (one of the Bella Bear series of books)
- **‘The Lion Inside’** by Rachel Bright with illustrations by Jim Field

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Shine’s third recommended read for September is **‘The Lion Inside’** from the creator of the well-known and loved Bright Side lifestyle brand, Rachel Bright, and the winner of the Roald Dahl Funny Prize, Jim Field. This feel-good rhyming story about one little mouse trying to make himself heard and discovering along the way that even the smallest of us has the heart of a lion.

Rachel Bright is a writer of words, drawer of pictures and champion of silver linings. She exhibits widely, writes tirelessly and frequently creates unusual characters.

Her written work includes children’s stories and poems, clever advertising copy and lots of other stuff besides. She explores the loveliness of words and the magic of pictures, reveling in a world of jam-eating miniature bears and other made-up animals.

'The Lion Inside' Activity Sheet

1 what noise does a mouse make?

2 what noise does a lion make?

3 Look at the faces of the animals in the book – can you make a face like that?

4 Talk about a time when you were brave.

5 Create animal finger puppets using these cutouts and stick them to a circle of paper that fits round your finger.

Now you can make up your own stories.

