

Welcome to
the **Southwark
Hearing Support
Service (SHSS)**
2022 Autumn Two
Newsletter.

WELCOME

Welcome to the Southwark Hearing Support Service (SHSS) 2022 Autumn Two Newsletter. In this issue, we will be recommending some books to read and sharing some news.

It has been great to see some of you at the Under Fives group, we have had fun mixing with other families, playing, singing songs, sharing advice and experiences and getting to know one another. Our last session for this term is on Wednesday 7th December. The group will be continuing next term, but it will now be moving to a Monday. The time will be the same, 10:30 – 12:00. The first session after Christmas is Monday 9th January 2023.

We have some news to share with you all. Our team will be changing from January as we will be losing one of us. Lottie has decided to move onto another challenge and is going to be working in a different borough. She has been with the Southwark Hearing Support Service for 12 years and in that time she has supported many children and their families, making a huge difference for them. She is going to be missed. If you would like to send her a message please do get in touch and they will be passed on.

Best wishes

Southwark Hearing Support Service

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RECOMMENDED BOOKS WITH DEAF CHARACTERS

Reading stories and looking at books together helps to develop children's language. This can start when they are babies. It can help to develop a keen interest in books and support children as they grow and become independent readers.

It is great is when children and young people are able to identify with characters in a story. We have been looking out for books with deaf characters that project a positive image for those reading the books. There are many reasons why it is good for a deaf child or young person to see characters similar to themselves in books. These include; boosting their self-esteem, promoting diversity and positive images of deafness, it can encourage children to open up and talk about their own experiences and feelings and can helps them to understand their own hearing needs.



**KEEP
SOUTHWARK
SAFE**

Protect your
friends and family

**COVID SYMPTOMS?
GET TESTED NOW.**

**nhs/coronavirus
OR CALL 119**

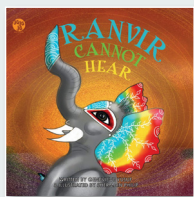


Test and Trace



WE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A COUPLE OF EXAMPLES

Recommended for little ones up to young adults



RANVIR CANNOT HEAR

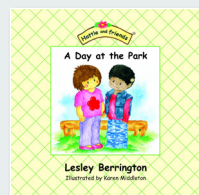
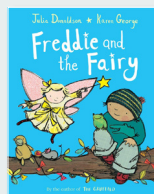
by Genevieve Yusuf

An elephant who cannot hear sets off on an adventure that helps him to realise all the things he can do and makes friends along the way.

FREDDIE AND THE FAIRY

by Julia Donaldson

A fairy keeps getting Freddie's wishes wrong as she mishears them. The fairy gets help and explains to Freddie how he can make sure that she is able to understand what he is saying.



HATTIE AND FRIENDS, A DAY IN THE PARK

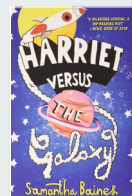
by Lesley Berrington

Two friends go on a trip to the park. One of the characters, Toby, has a cochlear implant and this can clearly be seen through the images in the story.

EL DEAFO

by Cece Bell

Shows how a character starting at a new school manages her feelings around having a hearing aid. It follows her on a journey of finding friends and accepting herself.



HARRIET VERSES THE GALAXY

by Samantha Baines

A girl who wears hearing aids that enable her to translate an alien language. Is she the only one who can save everyone?

FUTURE GIRL

by Asphyxia

A deaf teenager called Piper is struggling with her deaf identity. One day, she meets Marley, a hearing teenager who has a deaf mother. We learn how she finds her place and have a voice.



THERE WILL BE LIES

written by Nick Lake

A deaf teenager who has a sheltered life has an accident. It results in her going on a journey and discovering who she really is inside.

These are just a few examples of what is out there. The NDCS has put together an extensive list of examples. You can find this via the below link.

www.ndcs.org.uk/information-and-support/parenting-and-family-life/families-magazine/reviews/books

If you have, any questions do get in touch.