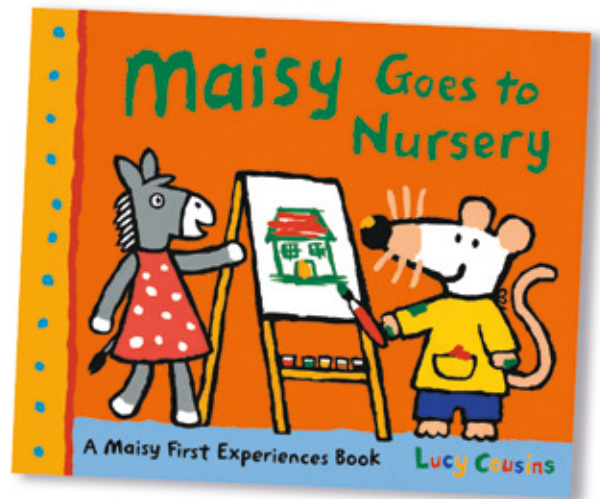


STORYTIME FUN WITH

Maisy Goes to Nursery

A Maisy First Experiences Book
Lucy Cousins



Maisy has delighted young children and parents alike for more than 30 years. Her cheerful and familiar world reflects all the lively adventures little children have every day. This is the perfect book to share with toddlers. There is plenty of scope for actions and props. Relax, take your time and have fun with it!

GETTING STARTED:

A new Maisy story is always a treat! Invite everyone to sit comfortably. You might want to get some comfortable cushions to sit on and you can use them in the story later (see below).

Each page has a different mood as the Nursery day progresses. There's 'saying hello', 'painting time', 'elevenses', 'book time', 'quiet time', 'noisy time', 'out in the garden' and time to 'say goodbye'.

Pause at each page and take a moment to enjoy the colourful illustrations and point out interesting details like toys, bubbles, the bird on a house or the snail in the garden. See if the children can find Maisy's toy panda in every spread! You can actively involve your young listeners in every page whether with simple movements, singing or props. Here are a few suggestions, choose your favourites and don't feel you need to do them all!



HELLO AND GOODBYE

Maisy's world is a safe and happy place where everyone belongs. Why not start the session by asking the children's names? The whole group can take it in turn to say a special hello to each child and goodbye at the end.



SUGGESTED SONGS:

Action-songs are great to engage even the youngest story-listener. Here are a couple of ideas:

- A quick round of “**sleeping bunnies**”.
- “**I am the Music Man**”. (You can sing about the instruments in the illustration: drums, cymbals trumpet and guitar.)
- Skipping, dancing and playing songs e.g. “**Ring a Ring a Roses**”, “**See Saw Margery Daw**” etc. at ‘**out in the garden**’.

Although I've given a lot of suggestions, you won't want to use them all. Pick your favourites! Keep it simple, take your time and enjoy this gentle, humorous and colourful book which little ones will want to return to again and again.