

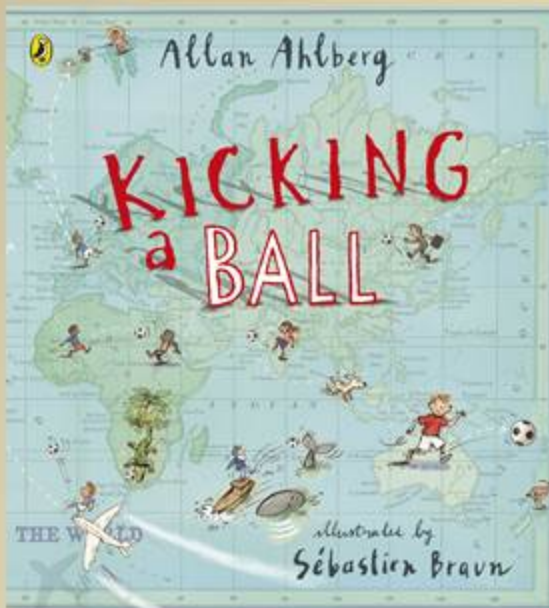


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Kicking a Ball



For anyone who can't see a ball without wanting to kick it, head it, shoot it, or boot it!

A wonderful rhyming story to read aloud, Kicking A Ball will not disappoint fans of Allan Ahlberg. First written as a poem, the little boy in the story has been brought to life perfectly by artist Sébastien Braun. Every parent will be able to immediately relate to the simple joy felt by simply kicking a ball, and how there is nothing else quite like it.

The incomparable Allan Ahlberg takes us on a journey from childhood to fatherhood full of humour, warmth, friendship . . . and football.

TOP TIPS FOR FAMILIES – Let your child explore the book

- Choose books that your baby/child can explore e.g. bath books, cloth books, lift the flap books, pop up books and books with different surfaces and textures.
- Visit your local library with lots of books to explore- it's FREE to join.

What could the child do and what could they learn?

Child can use their senses to explore the books; they can touch, see, smell and hear the book.

Handling books will develop the child's physical skills, turning the pages, lifting the flaps, pointing to the pictures.

Link to Further Resources

Football Top Tips

Rachel from Footy Pups shares her tips on how to be a top footballer

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-go-club-football-tips>

What could adults do?

Reassure parents that babies and toddlers will explore the books with their mouth—this is the way they learn.

Gently help and show the child how to find the front of the book, the right way up and how to turn the pages.



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Kicking A Ball Activity & Resource Ideas

- **Have fun practising your ball skills together. Can you dribble, pass, shoot. It's more tricky to control the ball with the outside of your foot – have a go...**
- **Football Flick-Up Super Skill**
Impress your friends on the football field with this super skill from Footy Pups star Rachel Yankey. Click on the link below <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/the-lets-go-club-football-flick-up-super-skill>
- **Have a look at a globe, atlas or map. Point out and talk about some of the different countries in the world. Where would you like to go?**
Where in the World
Discover new places and meet children from all over the world as they welcome us into their homes. Click on the link below
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/playlist-where-in-the-world#playlist>
- **Charades – Guess the Sport**
Take turns to demonstrate/act out and guess the sport e.g. swim, box, run, golf, tennis etc.



Making ten minutes a day to share books with your child will make a huge difference to their development

