

# Rocky the Neighbourhood Cat

Your child's teacher has read a story in class called *Rocky the Neighbourhood Cat*. Rocky has lots of adventures as he explores his local neighbourhood.

Reading [Rocky the Neighbourhood Cat](#) with your child at home is a great way to build on their language and literacy learning. You may need to do the reading, so that you and your child can enjoy the book together. To make the experience even richer, you might like to try some of the ideas below.

## People and places (supports thinking about meaning)

Have fun chatting about Rocky, the places he goes and the people he meets.

*Rocky is visiting places near his home. Think about the places that are near our home. Are they like the ones in the book? How are they different?*

## Connections (supports making connections beyond the text)

Talk about pets you have or that your child knows and what these pets do.

*What do you think our cat/dog does when you are at school?*

## Pictures (supports making inferences)

Have fun looking at the illustrations together.

*Can you spot Rocky's owner? You might need to look carefully.*

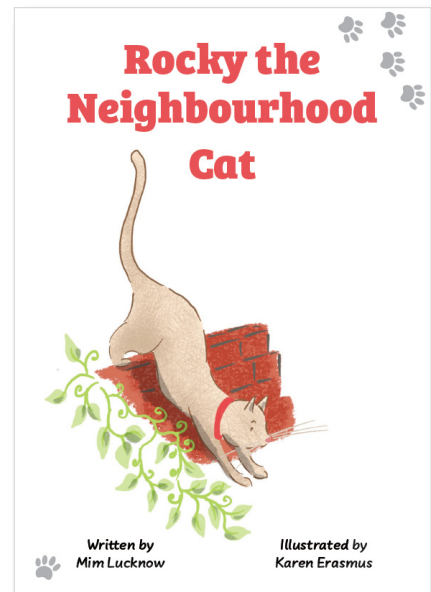
*She is also posting a parcel, but she doesn't notice Rocky!*

## Maps (supports building language used for location)

Talk about the map in the book (pages 30 and 31) and explore a map of where you live.

*Can you see Rocky's house? Let's trace with our finger where Rocky went.*

*Let's look at a map that shows where our house is.*



## Use your home language

If your home language is not English, you can apply these ideas in your own language. This will help support your child to learn to read English.



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