

Happy 5th Birthday



Collins Big Cat Book Parties

Celebrate reading with Collins Big Cat by hosting your own book party.

Here are a few ideas:

- Decorate the classroom with banners and streamers
- Choose a theme:
 - Big Cats – print off pictures of Lions, Tigers, Panthers, Pumas etc
 - Pirates – get the children to dress up for the day
 - Favourite story book character – get each child to bring in a prop to represent their character and do a show and tell.
- Ask each child to bring in something comfy to read on (pillow/beanbag) plus something to read – a novel, magazine, comic book, fact book. Get the children to read out loud with a partner and even have a mystery reader come in (the head teacher).
- Let children bring in bathrobes and slippers and get cosy. Maybe make hot chocolate!
- Show the whole school just how fun reading can be by going on a reading trail. Read all over the school - in different hallways, on the playground, in the nurse's office, in the gym, on the stage. You may even find topical books that fit each of the places.
- Offer fun activities related to books (see our reading activity downloads)
- Do some fun party activities like making party hats (see our party pack downloads)
- Play Collins Big Cat related games:
 - Play 'pin the tail on the lion'
 - Play sleeping lions - when you call sleeping lions, children fall to the floor and lie still as can be
 - Make a big lion face out of cardboard with a wide-cut-out mouth. Ask an adult to hold it up, with children behind a line ask them to try and throw sponge balls into the mouth
 - Footprint hunt (hide books at the end as treasure)
 - Play 'roaring' games - who can roar the loudest, the quietest, the longest?
 - Make Collins Big Cat masks (see our party pack downloads)

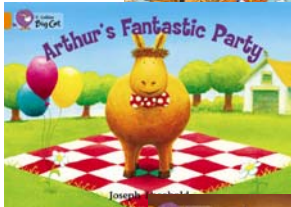
Remember: You can make it as simple or extravagant as you like – Collins Big Cat loves reading and simply wants to help children to learn to love reading too!



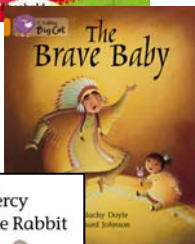
Suggested reading for your Collins Big Cat party



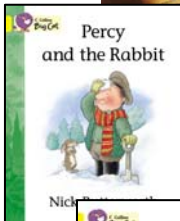
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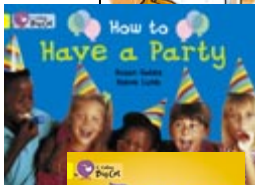
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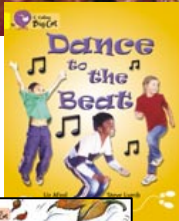
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Rat-a-tat-tat by Michaela Morgan
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How to Have a Party by Susan Gates
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Dance to the Beat by Uz Afzal
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Where is the Wind? By Celia Warren
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Woody's Week by Michaela Morgan
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My Party by Maoliosa Kelly
Lilac/Band 0
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