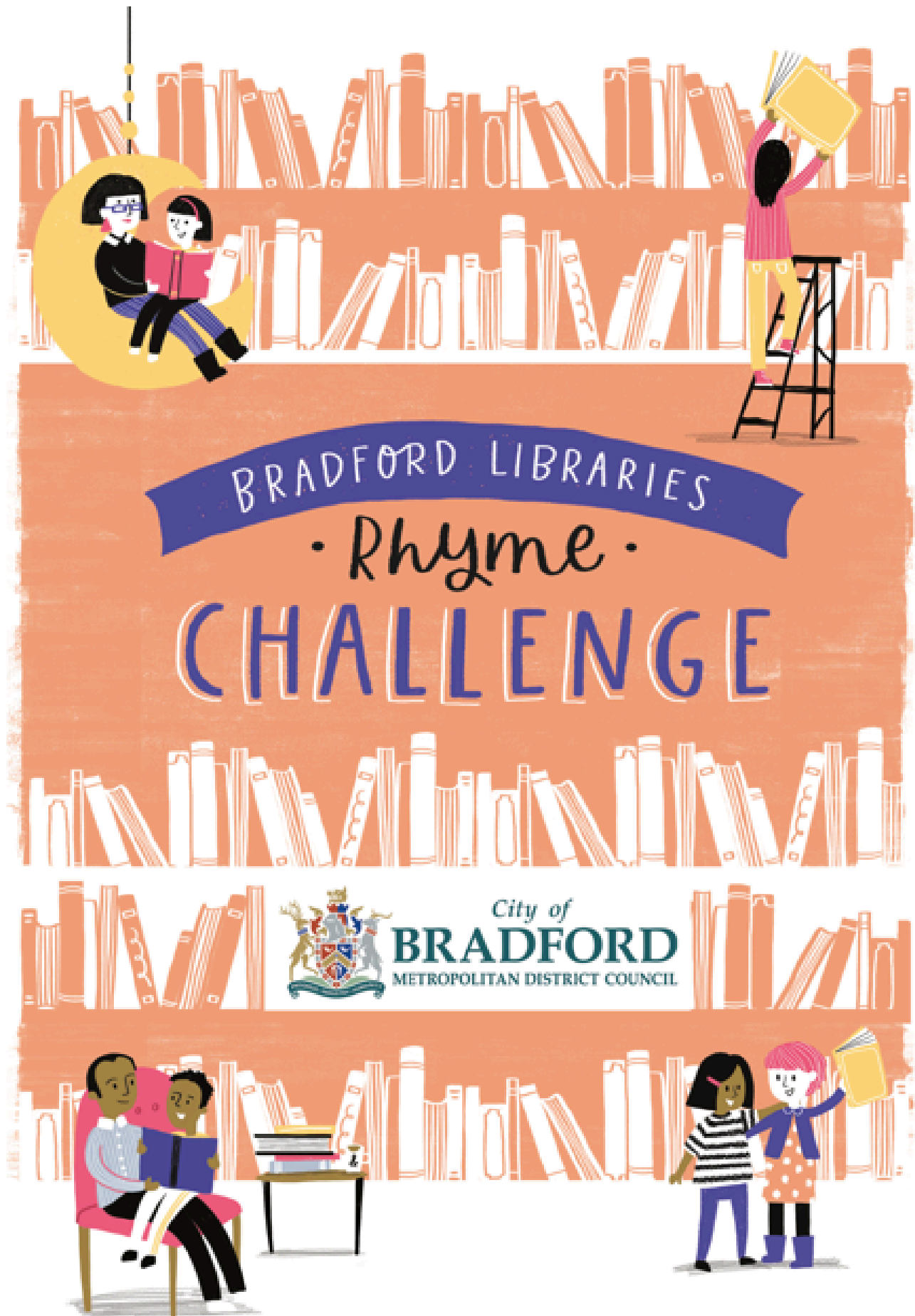


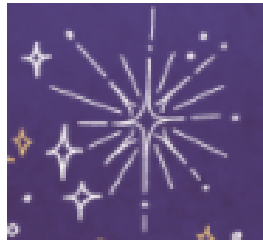


BRADFORD LIBRARIES
• Rhyme •
(CHALLENGE)



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What Is it?

Children and parents learn five rhymes together and receive a Bradford Libraries Rhyme Challenge certificate. Libraries, toddler groups, nurseries and stay and play sessions take part across Bradford from Sept - May each year.



Why Do It?

The challenge encourages children to become more familiar with rhyming words which can help them learn to read. Children can build memory skills, fine motor skills, emotional awareness, social skills and its fun too!



"My son keeps asking to sing all the time, he loves the rhymes and his language has developed so much."

"It's improved his speech so much over the time!"

Parent at Toddler Group

Parent in Library



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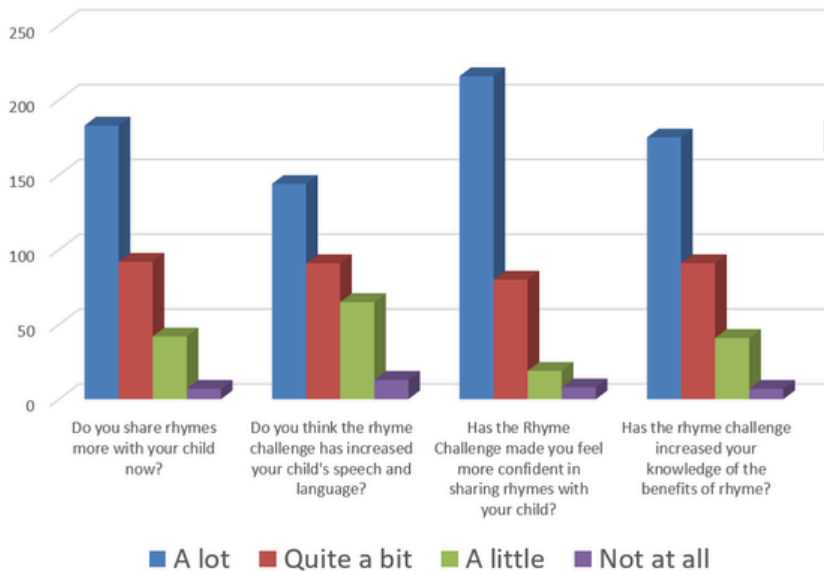
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95%

OF PARENTS FEEL THAT THE CHALLENGE INCREASED THEIR CHILD'S SPEECH & LANGUAGE

Parental Feedback



Sleeping Bunnies

Row Row Row Your Boat

Large Old Bean (Ukrainian & English)

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

Hello Library, Have you any books?

4,400

PARENTS & CHILDREN TOOK PART

GOING THE EXTRA MILE!

Craft activities

Props

Makaton

Puppets

Water play

Handmade Rhyme Books

Guitar

Competition

Musical instruments

Bubbles

MORE FEEDBACK ON THE RHYME CHALLENGE

"I didn't realise how much nursery rhymes could help my little boy start to talk."

Parent at Toddler Group

"Very helpful with improving my child's confidence."

Parent at School Nursery

"What a lovely idea, the children were so proud to share their rhymes with us."

Parent at School Reception Class

"We enjoyed the rhyme challenge and it was lovely to hear the rhymes in different languages."

Parent at Library

Got a question? Contact:

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