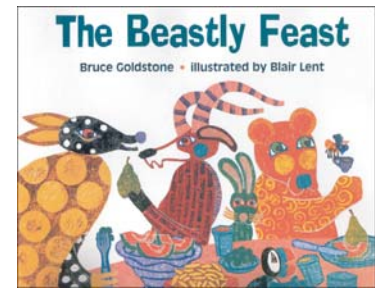


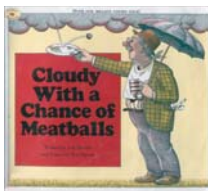
Have a 'feast' of books in Term 2!



Everyone knows there's no eating in The BookRoom but this term we've made an exception! There's a "Beastly Feast" going on in there! Bruce Goldstone's tongue-twisting text deliciously combined with Blair Lent's handmade, handstamped, brightly coloured collages invite our students to join the hungry animals in The BookRoom as they gather for a very special meal. Bears bring pears, parrots bring carrots, puffins bring muffins and the pace gets more and more frenzied as mice bring rice, flies bring pies and moose bring juice.

The story gets faster and faster with the food flying around the table until finally... well you'll have to read the book to find out what happens in the end! Books to share with your child in the 'Food' term? Try these from The BookRoom — *Growing Vegetable Soup* by Lois Ehlert or *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura Numeroff or *Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry and The Big Hungry Bear* by Don Wood or the wonderfully visual *How Are You Peeling?* by Saxton Freymann. Bon appetit!

- Caroline Holland (Director of BookRoom Services)



Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs

by Judi Barrett
#15835
Ages 6-9

If food dropped like rain from the sky, wouldn't it be marvelous! Or would it? It could, after all, be messy. And you'd have no choice. What if you didn't like what fell? Or what if too much came? Have you ever thought of what it might be like to be squashed flat by a pancake? The tiny town of Chewandswallow was very much like any other tiny town except for its weather which came three times a day, at breakfast, lunch and dinner. It rained things like soup and juice. It snowed things like mashed potatoes. And sometimes the wind blew in storms of hamburgers. Life for the townspeople was delicious until the weather took a turn for the worse. The food got larger and larger and so did the portions. You'll have fun digesting it all!



UnCanny! By Paul Jennings
#2720
Ages 10-12

Paul Jennings fans will be pleased to discover that this collection of unusual tales includes the comic, the fantastic and the macabre. Ghost stories include a haunted rubbish tip, a bewitched set of circus costumes and an unhappy ghost who tortures his victims by tickling them. Gadgets and humour are common threads in four stories. Of the nine tales, two stand out: On the Bottom involves a desperate sea rescue instigated by a tattooed finger found in the belly of a shark; Frozen Stiff depicts the struggles of four lonely inner-city inhabitants (two old men, a boy and a cow) who come into conflict with each other. Spaghetti Pig-out fits our food theme perfectly!

- Mary Lee

Your child's safety is our prime concern

We have always been proactive about keeping ourselves and our environment healthy and hygienic. During the week-long term break, we did a major centre clean-up in preparation for Term 2. During the clean-up, we washed and sterilised every aspect of our centres. This was timely in view of the current alert about the serious strain of HFMD. You may rest assured that we continue to be at the forefront of preventative measures.

In addition to our existing health policy of sending children and adults home if they are ill or recovering, we have implemented these measures:

- We are taking the temperature of every child in every class up to the Primary 1 age group (following the age guidelines of the Ministry of Education). At Forum, we have a high-tech thermal scanner.
- We are conducting visual checks on hands and feet of all children for blisters. Our existing health policy states that we will send home anyone who has a runny nose with coloured discharge, a persistent chesty cough or any visible rashes.
- We are encouraging sick children to stay home to recover by offering make-up classes to any parent who presents us with a medical certificate for their child.
- We have stopped all communal activities including sand play and water play.

- We have replaced all our carpeting with parquet, wood laminate or anti-bacterial vinyl.

Our sterilisation and preventative measures include:

- Sterilising all studio and garden toys, equipment and surfaces before every session. We use Milton's Sterilising Solution as recommended by the health authorities. We also wash and sterilise everything again at the end of each day.
- Cleaning and disinfecting all the bathrooms and common areas throughout the day (approximately every half hour).
- Removing any toy that has been mouthed in class and thoroughly soaking and cleaning the toy before reintroducing it into class.
- Asking children and adults to wear socks in all our EduPlay classes.

We hope that all our healthy environmental maintenance efforts help to give you peace of mind so that both you and your child can fully enjoy your classes with us. We trust that you will come to our centres knowing that our standards of hygiene are exemplary. Do give us a call if you have any questions or concerns, or email us at enquiries@juliagabriel.com – we take your thoughts and feelings most seriously.

- Rina Ong O'Rourke
Head of EduPlay Programmes