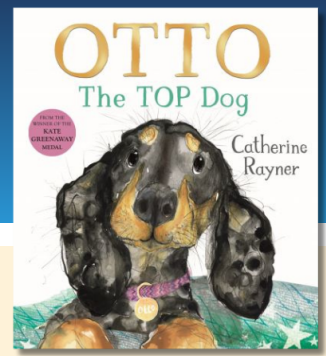




BOOK TALK CARDS



THEMES:

- Friendship
- Sharing
- Dogs
- Animal stories

Otto the Top Dog by Catherine Rayner

After Otto invites one of his friends to share his comfy basket, word quickly spreads around the neighbourhood. Soon he's sharing his cosy bed with all the dogs in the area, even taking in the local strays!



OUR THOUGHTS

"Be prepared for cuteness overload! Rayner's illustrations are an absolute treat and the story is lovely too. One of her best, and perfect for storytime. Worth it for the endpapers alone!"

TIME TO TALK

- At the start and end of the story we find out about some of Otto's favourite things. What things do you love? How did your favourite things become so special to you?
- Otto is kind, sharing his bed with all his friends, but ends up sharing with lots more dogs than he had planned. Have you ever ended up sharing something with more people than you had planned? How did it make you feel? Did sharing with more people help you make more friends, or maybe make you realise how many friends you already had?
- Parker had never had a bed of his own. How do you think it made Parker feel when Otto welcomed him to his house?
- Old Bentley hears about Otto's bed from other dogs. What do you think the dogs might have said that made him want to try it?
- Have you ever wanted to try something new when you heard it described by a friend?
- Otto's favourite place to be is his bed. Where is your favourite place? Is it somewhere you share with people, or somewhere you like to be on your own?
- Otto is excited when he gets new beds for all his friends but is surprised when not sharing his bed makes him feel sad instead. Have you ever had a good idea but it hasn't turned out how you planned? How did it make you feel and what did you do to change things?
- Otto's basket is so lovely that everybody wants to share it. If you were making a nice space to rest in, how would you make it cosy and welcoming?



TAKE THE TEXT FURTHER WITH OUR TOP 5 TITLES TO CONTINUE THE THEME:

