A review of: Going to School

A picture book to help prepare children with Down Syndrome for school



Going to School The second book in the Looking Up series

"Going to school takes the reader on a journey through a typical school day showing children having fun learning alongside their peers. The book uses photographs submitted by the families of Cornwall Down Syndrome Support Group. This publication is a celebration of diversity and inclusion showing that we are all more the same, than different."

View the book and find out more here

This book was created by the Cornwall Down Syndrome Support Group and is an inclusive book for preschool/reception year children



What I like most about this book is its simplicity. Each page is full of large, colourful photos of children with, and without Down Syndrome during everyday life at school.

It includes a range of images under each heading that helps the child gain a better understanding of what the school day might entail, it includes large text headings on each page, AND! there's an option to purchase a 27 page Makaton download of signs and symbols to support communication around the school day, visual timetable, etc. which accompanies the book <u>you can view it here</u>

They've thought of every way possible to make this book inclusive and appropriate for children with Down Syndrome who have vastly ranging needs and skills. Therefore, in conclusion I'm giving Going to School 5 stars!

It's a very useful, practical tool for children with Down Syndrome as well as being a beautiful demonstration of inclusion and friendship. **By Claire Ryan, ChatterPack.net**