

# Essex Year of **REAding**

**Michael Rosen on Language and Play Thursday 16th June 10-11  
(ONLINE)**

Michael Rosen is one of Britain's best loved writers and performance poets for children and adults. He is also a broadcaster, Professor of Children's Literature and very much a national treasure. Michael has published in the region of 200 books for children and adults, including "The Sad Book" with Quentin Blake (Walker Books) - a meditation on bereavement written after the loss of his son, Eddie; "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" with Helen Oxenbury (Walker Books) - made into an animated film for Channel 4 broadcast Christmas Day 2016 - and "A Great Big Cuddle" with Chris Riddell (Walker Books) . His YouTube Channel 'Kids' Poems and Stories with Michael Rosen' has had over 55 million views.

In this session Michael will perform and discuss the importance of play and talk in language development in young children.

The session is aimed at Parents, grandparents, carers, Early Years Professionals, and anyone who works with young children and is open to all.

Places are free - to book a place and receive the link please email [ian.fisher@essex.gov.uk](mailto:ian.fisher@essex.gov.uk) with Michael Rosen in the subject line.

