

# Bedtime Story Sacks

## The Importance of Sharing Stories

Children should be at the heart of the story telling process giving them time to express their thoughts, feelings and ideas



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# Background Information and Recent Research

- Thousands of children each year leave primary school unable to read well enough to enjoy reading
- However we know that children who enjoy reading independently will have the door to new opportunities and knowledge open to them. This will lead to creativity and confidence, which will in turn lead to a more successful future
- In the UK there is a strong link between poor literacy and unemployment
- The 'Read on, Get on' campaign is aiming to change this by encouraging parents and carers to spend 10 minutes a day reading with their children.

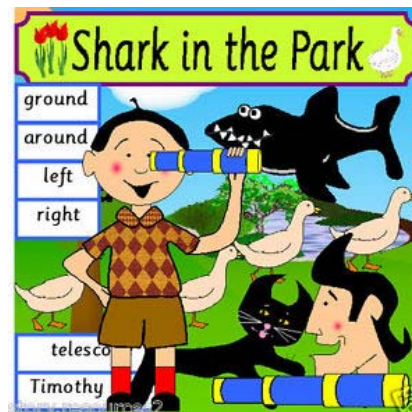
# Tips for Sharing Stories

- Allow time within your day to share a story
- Choose a comfortable, quiet area to sit together
- Choose stories appropriate for children's language level
- Repetition of stories



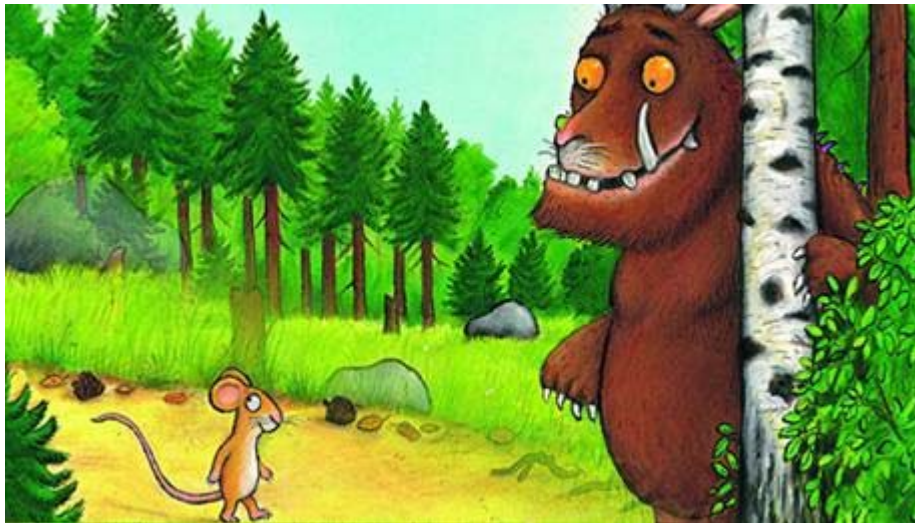
# Making a Story Engaging

- Choose the right book
- Use gestures and actions
- Visual supports - props and pictures
- Interactive books – tactile, lift the flap and join in phrases
- Repetitive language
- Adapting language to the right level



# Ideas to Vary Story Telling

- Shared stories with siblings/parents
- Use of drawings
- Verbal story making without books
- Act out stories

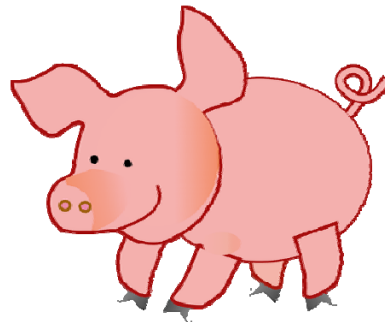
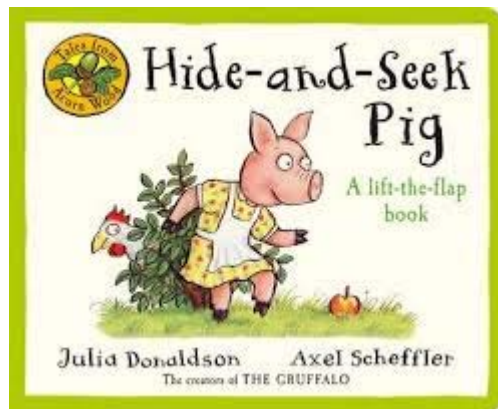
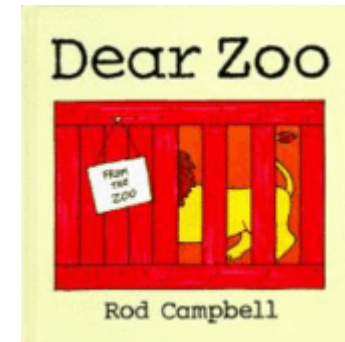


# What we do at Pre-School

- Story Bags – Each group has their own story bag to use at story time, these contain favourite stories such as ‘Dear Zoo’, traditional tales, such as ‘Goldilocks’, books with musical CDs and props
- Year 1 – A story over a fortnight, promotes familiarity, may lead to other activities, eg wall displays or role play
- Year 2 – A different story each week, longer stories eg The Gruffalo which can inspire conversations, imagination and other activities such as making Gruffalo Crumble,

# The Bedtime Story Sack

- 2 Story books
- Some props to support story telling
- A sheet of tips for sharing stories
- A diary to record your experiences





- There is nothing lovelier than snuggling up with a book with your child or a small group of children producing shared memories to value

