

STORIES at home



North Croydon Children's Centres Best Start Planning Area 1

You don't need a book to tell a story, and you don't need to use the words to share a book! Use props found around home to enjoy story-sharing and making with children. Speak about the pictures and storyline or just enjoy turning the pages and having a look!

READING SPACE (PSED, CL)

Sometimes a reading area can be needed for the perfect storytelling time. Create a fun story sharing corner with cushions and your child's cuddly toys. You could build a fun reading den by draping sheets or using pegs to secure blankets (safely) to sturdy furniture. Allow children to turn the pages and hold the book, sharing a book does not have to be about reading words on a page.



STORY PUPPETS (L,CL,EAD)

Using cardboard from old boxes, cut out shapes of things from your child's favourite book. These could be animals, people, transport or any other things. Cut small holes at the base, big enough for fingers to fit through, or use cardboard strips to stick to your puppet to hold them instead. After decorating, the puppets they can be used to retell a story or make one up.

STORY SACKS (CL,UW,EAD)

Find toys that your child enjoys playing with (animals, cars, tea set etc). Set them up to play with as an activity. Introduce a story as you play alongside your child, children love funny voices and sounds so use these! Maybe an animal has got lost and the others need to find it around the room. If your child has a book that links to the toys you could read this before or after to give them more ideas.

