



Tips for Parents

Decide with your child if you will read or talk about the book.

When you read, you lead

- Get your child to sit and listen.
- Get your child to join in where phrases are repeated
- Ask your child to make sounds that are in the story e.g. the noise of animals, cars driving (brmm, brmm)

When you talk, your child leads, so...

- Don't open the book and ask lots of questions!
- Wait for your child to talk. After a few minutes, if he hasn't said anything, you say something about the book.
- Listen to what your child says.
- Repeat back words and sentences he says correctly. This way he hears good examples.
- Sometimes when you repeat back, add extra words or ideas. This helps develop his language.
- Sometimes, ask a question about what he has said. Remember – your question must follow on from what your child has said.



Borrow a Book

Child's name:

Name of Book

Comment

(e.g. I read the story;
He talked about the story;
She liked it)

**Parent's
signature**

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Story telling session to mark World Book Day

Preparation

- 🥕 Invite the parents to come to a story-telling in your setting to mark World Book Day (fill in the blank poster and display where parents will see it)
- 🥕 Display 'The Benefit of Books' where parents will see it.
- 🥕 Display 'Reading books with your child - Tips for Parents' where parents will see it.
- 🥕 Decide on the book you will read to the children during the story-telling session with parents: choose one that allows the children to join in and uses support materials such as puppets.
- 🥕 Gather the following materials to make a bookmark of Nibbles, the Happy Talk rabbit: an outline bookmark for each child, crayons, stickers, glitter, pritt stick.
- 🥕 Have the children dress up as a character from a storybook – keep it simple e.g. to make Maisy mouse use face paints draw on a nose and whiskers, stick ears onto a headband, use along piece of material as a tail. You could dress up too!

Storytelling session

- 🥕 Welcome the parents. Have the parents sit in a circle with the children, near the Book Area.
- 🥕 Explain that the storytelling session is to mark 'World Book Day'. Draw the parents' attention to 'The Benefit of Books' poster.
- 🥕 Read a story to the children.
- 🥕 Show how you use Modelling, Expanding and Balancing Questions and Comments as you explore the book with the children.
- 🥕 Invite the parents to help their child to decorate the Nibbles and Twitch book marker using crayons, stickers and glitter.
- 🥕 Suggest to the parents that they bring their child to join the local library.