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Story Sacks



What is a Story Sack?

A story sack is a container holding a young child's picture/story book with supporting materials to stimulate communication, reading and writing.

The aim of a story sack is to give both the adult and child the confidence to enjoy books and reading together with their child in different FUN ways. The materials should be interactive and multi-sensory as this is how young children learn best. Always try to make reading enjoyable, avoid times when you or your children are tired. Make the book come ALIVE!

What you will need to make a story sack.

A container or bag (this could be a basket, cardboard box, plain canvas bag)
Fabric pens, fabric crayons or felt tips.
Optional - fabric or felt scraps
Scissors, glue
Resources to make visual aids e.g. wooden spoons, paper plates, lollipop sticks, felt, fabric.

How to make a story sack.

1. Select and read a storybook with your child.
2. Use this opportunity to talk to your child about what an author does, the title, characters and the story setting.
3. Using the resources you have available decorate your container or bag to represent your chosen book. This could include the book title and pictures of the characters.
4. Select favourite characters from the books and using the resources available to you, make a range of visual aids e.g. wooden spoon characters, paper plate masks and hats.
5. Read the story again with your child using the storytelling resources you have made together.
6. There are many websites available to give you further ideas for making story sacks e.g. www.pinterest.co.uk

Please supervise children at all times with scissors and glue.