

Storytelling Outdoors

Take your reading outside to add an extra dimension to the story

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Reading



Background information:

Story telling is a key form of communication, as well as being very good for relaxation and our mental wellbeing.

We love to hear and tell stories. Story telling develops many skills, including speaking, listening, reading and writing. It can also stimulate imagination and curiosity.

Taking storytelling outdoors can add an extra dimension, especially if you use a location to like that in your story. It may allow you to share the feeling of the characters when in the space and create the right atmosphere.

Equipment

Books, or other reading material

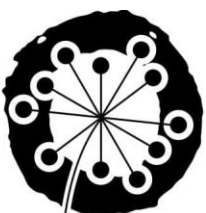
Activity

Reading an existing story

- Take your preferred story to a location that is relevant to the plot, or the characters.
- Take it in turns to read sections aloud
- Can you act out the story in the space?
- Consider how the characters may be feeling in the space. How do you feel in the space?

Creating your own story

- Find objects from the space you are using.
- Look at them closely, explore how they feel, look, or smell.
- Think of all the things that the items could be, if they were not what they are. E.g. you may find a leaf, but if it weren't a leaf could it be a boat for a fairy, or is it the same shape as a dinosaur footprint, or a quill for writing stories?
- You may end up with quite a long list.
- Can you come up with a story using the items you found and including some of your ideas for other things it could be.
- Tell the story to a friend or create a story as a group and the share it.



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