

Storytelling!

Storytelling special edition. Ideas to support learning through storytelling.

Picture Story with Photos (Early Years)

Ask your child to choose a picture, glue it on to the paper. Encourage your child to make up a story, prompt them with how, what and why questions. Paraphrase the story and write it down for your child. Read the story back to them.



Using unrelated objects as prompts (KS1)

Show your child two unrelated pictures and ask them “if you wanted to use these two things in a story, what could your story be about?” Encourage your child to think about some simple beginnings. Possible responses could be;

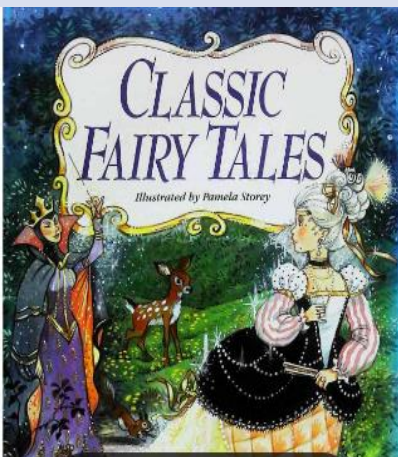
A boy found an old key in a tiny cottage.

The girl used the old key and opened the door of the antic wardrobe, she found herself in a land of little people who lived in tiny cottages.

The boy visited his grandma at her cottage in the country and he found a magic key.

Newspaper Clipping

Newspaper stories can be a huge source of inspiration. Interesting and unusual stories can be stuck into a scrap book and your child can then write a story about the extract of their choice.



Rewrite a known story (KS2)

Rewriting a known story with a different ending or a different character is a great way to generate inspiration.

For example:

What if the story of Cinderella took place on Mars?

What if the three little pigs were three little wolves and the big bad pig wanted to eat them for dinner?

Swapping Characters-

Snow White and the Magic Beans

Jack and Seven Dwarfs