

LEARNING AT WORK WEEK 2022:

STORYTELLING IS YOUR SECRET
SUPERPOWER

RESOURCE PACK

In this pack you will find all of the resources that were discussed in the latest Storytelling Is Your Secret Superpower workshop

The Impact of Sharing Stories

National Literacy Trust

Reading to children is so powerful, so simple and yet so misunderstood

literacytrust.org.uk/blog/reading-children-so-powerful-so-simple-and-yet-so-misunderstood

Age UK

The benefits of storytelling for our wellbeing

www.ageukmobility.co.uk/mobility-news/article/the-benefits-of-storytelling-for-our-wellbeing

Penguin & World Book Day - 10 tips on how to share stories with children

Sharing stories aloud is a fantastically fun way to celebrate the joys of books and spark young imaginations and reading together for just ten minutes a day can help create readers for life. Here are the World Book Day team's tips on how to make those moments magical.

www.penguin.co.uk/articles/children/2019/feb/tips-for-sharing-stories-with-children.html

Scottish Book Trust - Advice for sharing wordless picture books

Wordless picture books have a big role to play in helping children develop their language and literacy skills

www.scottishbooktrust.com/articles/advice-for-sharing-wordless-picture-books

Book Trust Book Lists

Looking for a great book on a theme? Book Trust's searchable booklists can help you discover some brilliant children's books that you will love.

www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/booklists

Bookfinder

Bookfinder will help you discover the very best kids' books: magical mysteries, astonishing adventures and fantastic facts. Simply choose an age range, pick as many themes as you want to search through thousands of book reviews, and get reading. Enjoy!

www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder

Empathy Lab

The 2022 Read for Empathy collection features 60 books for 4-16 year-olds, each chosen to empower an empathy-educated generation.

www.empathylab.uk/2022-book-collections-and-guides

Seven Stories Booklists

Black Stories Matter

www.sevenstories.org.uk/learning/books-and-resources/black-stories-matter

Reading with Pride (LGBTQ+)

www.sevenstories.org.uk/learning/books-and-resources/reading-with-pride

Grief and Loss

www.sevenstories.org.uk/learning/books-and-resources/griefandlossbookpack

Scottish Book Trust - 10 picture books about refugees and migration

Picture books are a powerful and important tool for helping little ones to understand the world around them and the experiences of other people. Here are 10 picture books which tell important stories about extending humanity and kindness to those looking for a place to call home, exploring the plight of migrants with sensitivity and heart.

www.scottishbooktrust.com/book-lists/10-picture-books-about-refugees-and-migration

Barrington Stoke

Barrington Stoke publish super-readable books to help every child unlock a love of reading. Alongside award-winning and engaging stories from the best writers, their books contain a whole host of specialist features designed to help dyslexic and reluctant readers.

www.barringtonstoke.co.uk/dyslexic-reluctant-readers

Steph alittlebutalot - Digital Libraries

Steph has created a number of Digital Libraries, PDF documents that link to authors reading from their favourite stories. Available from picturebook libraries through to teens

twitter.com/eenalol

The Reader Teacher

Here, you'll find the best reads, reviews and recommendations of children's books for children, families, teachers and schools to browse. You can also find #BOOKMATCH resources here – recommendations based on some of the most popular children's books to keep your family reading.

www.thereaderteacher.com

The Reading Agency - The Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to set themselves a reading challenge to help prevent the summer reading 'dip'. Children can read whatever they like in their chosen format - fiction, fact books, poetry, joke books, picture books, graphic novels, audio books and eBooks can all be used to complete the Challenge. Children receive special rewards each time they finish a book and there's a certificate for everyone who completes the Challenge.

readingagency.org.uk/children/quick-guides/summer-reading-challenge

History Begins at Home

History Begins at Home is all about helping you connect with family and friends through conversation about the past. Chatting with the people you know, and love gives a great sense of well-being. The conversation starters are on a range of subjects and are a great way to encourage families to share with one another. Topics include toys, food and hobbies to cars, holidays, school days and workdays.

www.historybeginsathome.org

British Library - Discovering Children's Books

Cook up your own fairytales

What is a fairy tale? Find out all about this traditional genre and write your own story, inspired by tales from the past. Includes a how-to guide, inspiration in video form from Michael Rosen, story sharing videos with Mara the Storyteller, and an insight in to using collections with children.

www.bl.uk/childrens-books/activities/cook-up-your-own-fairy-tale

Make a miniature book

This resource includes inspiration ideas, a how-to guide, and an instructional video.

www.bl.uk/childrens-books/activities/make-a-miniature-book

Make your own comic strips

Here's Woodrow Phoenix's guide to making your very own comic strip stories. All you need is paper, pens or pencils and your brain!

www.bl.uk/childrens-books/activities/make-your-own-comic-strip-stories

Canva

Get started with a free account and use Canva's drag and drop design tools to easily create your own comic strips. There are ready to use templates, with characters and props that are ready to drag and drop in to a new comic book!

www.canva.com/create/comic-strips

Grim & Co

Grimm & Co's our core purpose is to change lives one story at a time. They support under-resourced children and young people aged 7 to 18 with their confidence and skills around creativity and writing.

grimmandco.co.uk/activities

Writing for Wellbeing Activities

grimmandco.co.uk/activities/writing-for-wellbeing

Becoming Happiness Journalists!

Become a good-news journalist and report on what makes you and others around you happy.

grimmandco.co.uk/wellbeing/writing-for-wellbeing-happiness-journalists

National Literacy Trust - Story dice

Use the dice when reading together with a grownup or friend to help you talk about highlights from the story.

cdn.literacytrust.org.uk/media/documents/Story_dice_FINAL.pdf

Words for Life - Shopping lists

This fun activity will get your little one chatting about what food they like by making their own 'shopping list'. It encourages them to speak about their favourite meals and foods. Start by sharing a story which has food as a main theme!

wordsforlife.org.uk/activities/making-shopping-lists-your-child

Activity Ideas

Amazon Alexa "Magic Door"

An interactive "Choose Your Own Adventure" activity

www.amazon.co.uk/The-Magic-Door-LLC/dp/B01BMUU6JQ

BorrowBox

Borrow digital books from the library, you can use this on mobile devices such as your smartphone or tablet

www.borrowbox.com

Tea Time Bookshop

You can buy 1 month, 3 months or 6 month subscriptions to the service where you'll receive a parcel of books with a bookmark and finger puppet.

teatimebookshop.co.uk

Setting up your own book club

Reading a chapter a week with other children to encourage them to read.

Borrowing books from the local library with your children and letting them choose what books they want to read, giving them that bit of independence may help encourage them.

Re-reading your own childhood favourites to your children

Reading books for the first time with your children (rather than pre-reading them) leading to you both discovering the story together.

Visiting charity shops with your children and encouraging them to pick out books.

Using Audiobooks

Tonie Box

The Toniebox is a musical storybox for kids that plays stories, songs and more

tonies.com/en-gb/tonieboxes

Yoto Player

Yoto Player is a musical story box and their stories are suitable for use by anyone aged 3 and over, there are also cards suitable for children from birth to 12 years old.

uk.yotoplay.com/yoto-player

Book Recommendations:

The 13-Storey Treehouse - Andy Griffiths
The Abilities in Me: ADHD - Gemma Keir
The Abilities in Me: Autism - Gemma Keir
The Best Diwali Ever - Sonali Shah
Bodies are cool - Tyler Feder
The Book With No Pictures - B J Novak
Chimpanzees of Happytown - Giles Andreae
Circle - Jon Klassen
Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Jeff Kinney
The Dinosaur That Pooped The Bed - Tom Fletcher and Dougie Poynter
Dog Man - Dav Pilkey
The Gruffalo - Julia Donaldson
Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy - Lynley Dodd
A House for everyone by Jo Hirst
I Want My Hat Back - Jon Klassen
If You Meet a Dinosaur - Paul Bright
Look Up! - Nathan Bryon
Millions of Cats - Wanda Gag
My Daddies - Gareth Peter
My Dads - Kelly Bennett
Ninja Life Hacks - Mary Nhin
Oi Dog! - Kes Gray and Claire Gray
Press Here - Herve Tullet
Square - Jon Klassen
Supertato - Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet
There's a Dragon in Your Book - Tom Fletcher
There's a Monster in Your Book - Tom Fletcher
There's a Superhero in Your Book - Tom Fletcher
This is Not My Hat - Jon Klassen
Triangle - Jon Klassen
Twenty Dinosaurs at Bedtime - Mark Sperring
We Found a Hat - Jon Klassen
We're Going on a Bear Hunt - Michael Rosen
You Choose - Pippa Goodhart

Author Recommendations:

Julia Donaldson
Tom Fletcher
David Walliams