

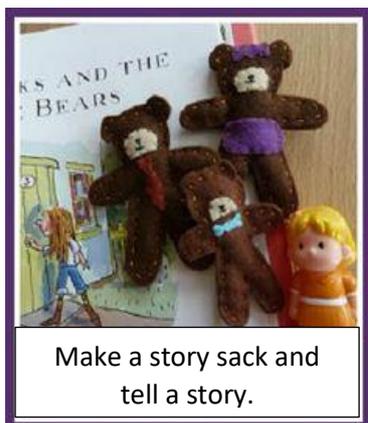
Oasis Academy Watermead Nursery
Supporting Reading

Within early years we use a document called Development Matters to inform our planning and observations:

Development Matters: Reading	
22-36 months	30-50 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Has some favourite stories, rhymes, songs, poems or jingles. •Repeats words or phrases from familiar stories. •Fills in the missing word or phrase in a known rhyme, story or game, e.g. 'Humpty Dumpty sat on a ... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoys rhyming and rhythmic activities. •Shows awareness of rhyme and alliteration. •Recognises rhythm in spoken words. • Listens to and joins in with stories and poems, one-to-one and also in small groups. • Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories. •Beginning to be aware of the way stories are structured. •Suggests how the story might end. • Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall. •Describes main story settings, events and principal characters. •Shows interest in illustrations and print in books and print in the environment. •Recognises familiar words and signs such as own name and advertising logos. • Looks at books independently. • Handles books carefully. •Knows information can be relayed in the form of print. • Holds books the correct way up and turns pages. •Knows that print carries meaning and, in English, is read from left to right and top to bottom.

There are lots of ways that you can support your child with their reading development through play.

Here are some ideas:



Make a story sack and tell a story.



Build a story den.



Make a story map.



Listen to a story on our YouTube channel

Talk about the characters, their dilemmas and the setting of the story. Give your child plenty of time to respond. Ask them what will happen next, how a character might be feeling or how the book makes them feel. Reading every day to your child makes a huge difference!

Key vocabulary to include during play and story time...
Story, book, character, setting, problem, once upon a time / beginning, the end, page, writing / text / words, pictures / images, front cover, author, title.
Key questions to ask when sharing a story...
<p>Who do you think the story will be about? (looking at the front cover)</p> <p>Who are the characters in the story? Tell me about the characters?</p> <p>Where is the story set?</p> <p>What do you think will happen next? Why do you think that?</p> <p>What do you think ___ will do?</p> <p>How do you think ___ is feeling?</p> <p>What was the problem in the story?</p> <p>How was the problem solved?</p> <p>How did the story make you feel?</p>

