

Story telling

Stories can be about anything and everything! They can be fairy tales, adventures, about animals or pets, about your family or just plain silly.

Share favourite fairy tales such as 'Goldilocks And The Three Bears' or 'The Three Little Pigs'. Encourage your child to help you tell the story and to join in with what the characters are saying.

Draw or paint the characters. Talk about what they look like and what they might wear.

Can your child retell the story to you or another family member or even their favourite toy!

Make up stories together. Take turns telling a sentence. For example

Mum: Once upon a time there was a little girl called Sammy.

Child: Sammy had a brown bear.

Mum: One day Sammy went to the park with bear.

Make up a story about a picture or object.

For example: Object (pencil.) This is a magic pencil. When you draw with it things come to life and jump off the paper.

Play the 'Because Game.'

Parent starts a sentence that the child completes

For example

Daddy bear was angry because....
The three pigs felt scared because....
Goldilocks was naughty because....

Play the 'If Game'
Ask your child what they would do if...
S/he spilt milk on the carpet at home.
S/he had two sweets and a friend had none.
S/he had lost a favourite toy.
S/he found Goldilocks asleep in her/his bed.

Draw a picture of the things you have done together that day or the places you have been. Can s/he tell someone else about their day using the picture?

Draw or cut out some characters from stories your child knows. Play 'Guess Who'. Give your child clues until they are able to guess what character you have chosen. For example I am little. I am furry. I was sad when Goldilocks broke my chair..

Now swop.

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