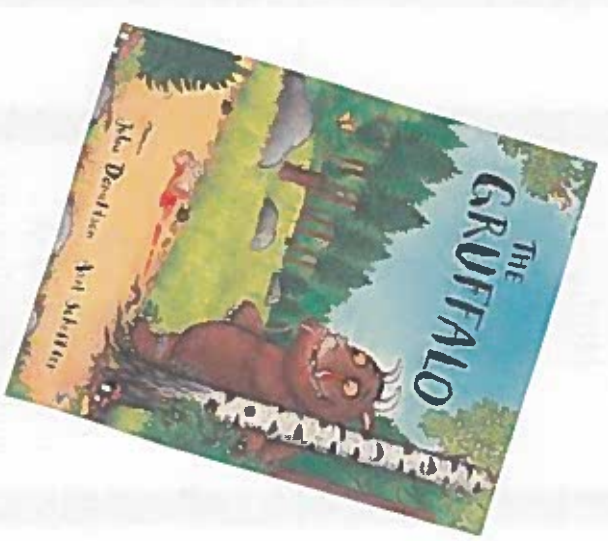
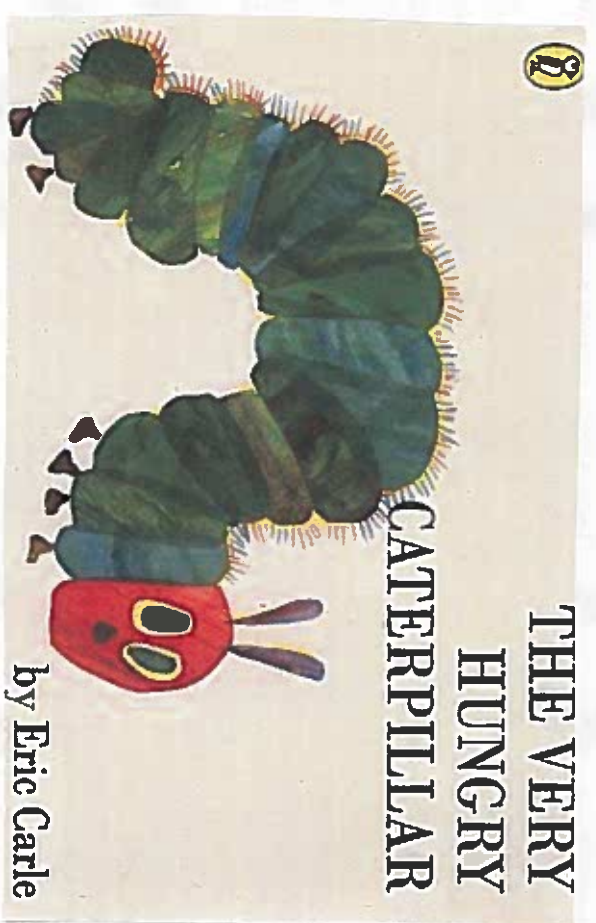




Shared Reading



Helping at Home

Talking and Listening

Use puppets or toys to re-tell the story you are reading or another story which your child enjoys.

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Take time to tell stories to your child without using a book and encourage your child to make up some of their own. Take turns to tell a story together, one sentence each before the other person takes over! This is vital practice for writing.

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As well as being able to read the words on the page children should be encouraged to show that they understand what they are reading.

Ask occasional questions which will encourage talk such as 'When have you felt like that?' 'What do you suppose he is thinking?' etc.

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Encourage your child to talk and think about the characters in their story book.

Play the 'meanwhile' game for characters who are not mentioned throughout a story.

Meanwhile the dragon was having a lovely time...

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To be continued...

Now that your child is able to read longer stories over a couple of evenings, take time to check what they think will happen next.

Play 'I wonder...' - eg 'I wonder if the giant will win?'

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While reading with your child today, try 'stepping into' one of the illustrations in the story and having an imaginary walk around. Ask your child to describe what they see.

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Did you know?

That now that we have learnt how to read, we are now beginning to 'read to learn'!

Count how many times you and your child use reading this evening. Eg - recipes, instructions, reading book, television guide etc.

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Who Am I?

Pretend to be one of the characters in the story you are sharing but don't say who you are. Encourage your child to ask you questions to work out who you are. Swap roles so that you are now asking the questions.

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Choose a character from the story you are sharing today - ask your child to think of all the ways that the character might use reading throughout their day. (If only Little Red Riding Hood had read the sign that said 'BEWARE OF THE WOLF!')

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Take time to tell stories to each other.

Some good words and phrases to include...

Once upon a time

Next

After that

Finally

At that moment

However

Quick as a flash

Why not invent a story with your child as the main character?

Helping at Home

Although your child will be beginning to read more fluently, it is still vital that they hear an experienced reader in action every day.

Continue to read to your child - bring the story to life with voices for characters, excitement and suspense!