

Tips for storytelling at home



Storytelling together is a great way to support your child's early speech, language and communication skills.

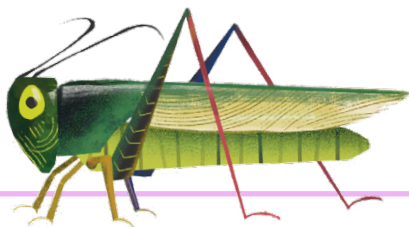
We've been learning about storytelling and making up stories about bugs. You can continue these stories at home or make up your own. Try to find little moments throughout your day to share and tell stories together.



Turn your journey home into a story. Ask your child to point out things they notice. Talk about them together, and maybe make up a story about them. *"I see a slug on it's way to..." "The spider is hiding ..."*



Join the library. It's free! You can visit together to look at and borrow books, or join a story and rhyme session, or author event.



Share a story. Try to find a little time every day to look at books or tell stories together. When you read their favourites, it makes it easier for children to join in and get involved with the story telling. Children love reading the same book again, and again.

More storytelling tips



Watch this video together, of author Simon Mole, with Gecko, performing their bug songs and poetry.

Now you've watched the video, why not try creating your own stories about bugs together? Here are some ideas to get you started:

Create your own characters. Ask children to draw or build their own bugs (try using pens, bricks or playdough). Have a chat about what their bugs might look like. Ask your child about their shape, colour, or whether they have a superpower.

Go on a bug hunt. Search for bugs together, in the garden or at the park. Look under rocks, piles of leaves and sticks. Try making up a bug story together, encourage your child to help: *"Tell me about its friends..."* *"Tell me about where it lives..."*

Learn about bugs. Visit the library to borrow a book about bugs, or have a look online together. They might inspire you to make up stories, drawings, or even some wiggly movement!



Storytelling supports your child's language development, and builds key skills for reading and writing. Find more storytelling tips here: [wordsforlife.org.uk/activities/make-your-own-story](https://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/activities/make-your-own-story)