

# Sharing Story Bags

Welcome to this weeks Tapestry Information Post - this one is all about our Focus Story Bags.

It is well documented that sharing stories and reading together is incredibly important for children and their development. To help build links between nursery and home and to support families to share a love of stories, we have created Story Bags. Once a term your child will bring home a copy of our Focus Story and a set of stick puppets that feature in the story. The photo in this post show the Story Bag for this term - The Little Red Hen.

At home please share the story with your child. Your child may already be very familiar with the story or some of the repeated phrases - encourage them to join in and teach you the story!

You could put on different voices for the characters to help bring the story to life. You could get other toys to be the character in the story or they could be an audience for your re-telling of the story.

You could make scenery for the story.

You could use the stick puppets to tell a completely different story!

You could video your child using the Story Bag and upload it to Tapestry. We would love to see it and share it with their friends in Nursery!

Please don't worry if puppets get lost or damaged - they are easy to replace and we would much rather the children are using the resources. We just ask that you let us know when you return the Story Bag so that we can fix it before handing it onto the next family!

## Additional Information

How does reading and sharing stories help children develop?

- \* Language development: Reading helps children understand words and develop their speech.
- \* Cognitive development: Reading helps children's cognitive development and can strengthen the bond between a parent and child.
- \* Imagination and creativity: Reading helps children develop their imagination and creativity, which they can use in many areas of their lives.
- \* Concentration: Reading helps children develop their concentration by requiring them to sit quietly and focus for long periods of time.
- \* Academic success: Reading helps children develop their communication and language skills, which are essential for academic success.
- \* Social skills: Reading can help children improve their social skills and interaction.
- \* Well-being: Reading can help children's mental health and well-being.

\* Love of reading: Reading together can help children develop a positive attitude toward reading and books, which can lead to them becoming lifelong readers.