



SESSION 1

WHAT IS A STORY?

- Start your day with a favourite book - what do they love about it? Let's make our own stories!
- **Story Path:** tape a long piece of paper to the floor and draw a windy "path". Using crayons, stickers, markers etc have the kids draw on & around it from their imaginations. As they go along the path, you can add speech bubbles, characters, street signs - little bits here and there that 'build' a story along the path. As you go, talk about beginnings, middles & ends and how plots 'work'.
- **Story Dice:** print out a template for a story dice or cube here, and ask your kids what they'd like to put on it: a mermaid, hamburger, doctor, fire engine, octopus? Once you've made your dice, get your kids to conjure up their own bonkers story! You can include your story path here: roll the dice, add to the path...
- Whistle while you work: **Peter and the Wolf** is a brilliant piece of music for childrens' easy listening that tells its' own story - put it on in the background today as you play and create!
- Sensory bin activity: **The Tiger Who Came To Tea.** Based on the classic book by Judith Kerr, pop a plush, soft tiger, plastic tea cups, felt or material 'cakes', plastic fruit & vegetables in your sensory box for touch and play activity.

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ACTIVE

- Based on **Where The Wild Things Are**, by Maurice Sendak, create a hop-dance-stomp-gnash-gallop-run on the spot workout routine for your kids that they HAVE to do whenever you shout **'WILD RUMPUS!'**
- Cosmic kids yoga: **Room on The Broom** yoga! Book by Julia Donaldson, yoga with Cosmic Kids yoga, YouTube

SESSION 2

STORY FACTORY

- Stories come to us in all kinds of ways - our imaginations, other people, music, movies... and books! How are books made?
- Take a minute to watch a fun instructional clip from **The Bespectacled Librarian**, on YouTube, on how the books we read are made.
- Click [here](#) for a sensory **Make Your Own Paper** activity using kitchenware - no need for a screen or deckle.
- While your paper dries, read: **Harold and The Purple Crayon** by Crockett Johnson, and then do [this](#) simple, sweet purple yarn activity.
- Read: **The Day The Crayons Quit**, by Drew Daywalt, followed by a crayon craft! Got a box of stubby old broken crayons you don't know what to do with? Get your kids to sort them, remove paper coverings (tip: soak in water!) then divide them into a heart (or any) silicone muffin baking tray. Melt in the oven for 15 mins at 110c (230f), pop out once completely cooled.

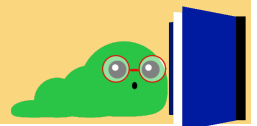
SCREEN TIME

- **StorylineOnline.net:** stories and books read out loud by celebrities e.g. Oprah! Lots to love about this. You've read a *lot* to your kids today - let someone else take over while you grab a drink....
- Check out various city libraries online - many have online story hours you can join via platforms such as zoom!
- Movies for 4-5: **Charlotte's Web**, The Lorax, The Cat In The Hat
- For 6+: Roald Dahl's books that have been turned into movies are among some of the best ever made e.g. **Fantastic Mr. Fox**, The BFG, Matilda, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

BOOKS



Anything goes today! Break out your usuals, your long-losts, or use this theme as an opportunity to read your children one of your favourite stories from your childhood, or maybe a grandparent or partner's favourite story.



FOOD
IDEAS

- Cloudy with A Chance of Meatballs... and rice
- James and the Giant Peach
- If You Give A Mouse A Cookie
- Charlie & the Chocolate Factory: kids want to try Willy Wonka's lickable pineapple wallpaper, or slurp from a chocolate river? Melt some chocolate and try fondu- style fruit dipping!

**"The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."**

Dr. Seuss