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## Activity: Sharing favourite stories

Developing a love of stories and storytelling can be done through sharing children's favourite stories.

### Learning aims

- Develop a love of stories
- Express own preferences
- Develop new vocabulary
- Positively support understanding of their physical selves and social identities, through stories
- Support listening and attention.



### Resources

- Children's favourite story books
- Quiet space and cushions
- Camera device
- Materials to create a display.

### Activity outline

1. Prior to the activity, talk to parents about the books children enjoy sharing or listening to at home. Ask parents to send their child's favourite book in so you can share it with them
2. For parent's unable to send a book in, take a trip to your local library and choose children's favourites or ask parents to record a story for you to listen to. Alternatively, create a book list and ask parents if they can loan the book for your activity
3. Plan your storytelling sessions, each day, to include children's favourite stories, this may be group stories or one-to-one story times
4. Display the books so children can share their own favourite story with their peers. Set up baskets of props to support the storytelling

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5. Introduce the books to children, and invite the child who has chosen the book to talk about their book and why they like it
6. Encourage children to be actively involved in the stories, to make predictions about events, and join in repeated refrains when possible. Ask children what they liked about each of the stories you share. Recap the main story events and talk to children about what you enjoyed about the story.

### Extension ideas

- Provide a camera and encourage children to take a photo of each other, holding their favourite book
- Create a display (at child height, if possible) and encourage children to add their photographs.

### NDNA products to support you with this activity

- [Creative Storytelling in the Early Years](#) – online course
- [Vocabulary and Early Language Skills](#) – online course.