

Disclaimer: Activities with children must always be risk assessed, including for allergies or choking. Children must always have adequate supervision. Resources and materials must always be appropriate for children's age and stage of development.

Top tips: Engaging parents in storytelling

Research has shown that sharing books with their child is the single most important thing that parents can do to help their child's education.

Our top tips will support you to think about how can engage parents in stories and storytelling opportunities.

1. Talk to parents about the types of stories they enjoy and how they tell or share stories at home. Use this information to replicate children's home experiences in the setting
2. Share the many benefits of reading and how it supports child development, in ways appropriate to all parents
3. Encourage parents to bring in their favourite stories for practitioners to share with children
4. Invite parents in for storytelling sessions. This offers opportunities for parents to observe good storytellers and have opportunities to be the storyteller
5. Invite parents to record stories, important to them, in their home languages for children to listen to
6. Value all parents' ideas and contributions
7. Create your own lending library, with a variety of books and stories, for children and parents to take away and share together at home
8. Invite parents to trips to the local library for story sessions. Support interested parents to sign up for their own library card.



NDNA products to support you with these tips

- [Creative Storytelling in the Early Years](#) – online course

And more resources at www.ndna.org.uk/hub/myndna