

The Reading Journey

Ways to develop a love of reading

This is some of the positive feedback we received

'The Reading Journey' workshop helped me understand how important it is for them to read and how to make reading more fun and effective. Now when I read to them I try and build suspense and ask questions. We have used the 'Pig in the Pond' resources to present small theatres, which is great, so we are story telling too!

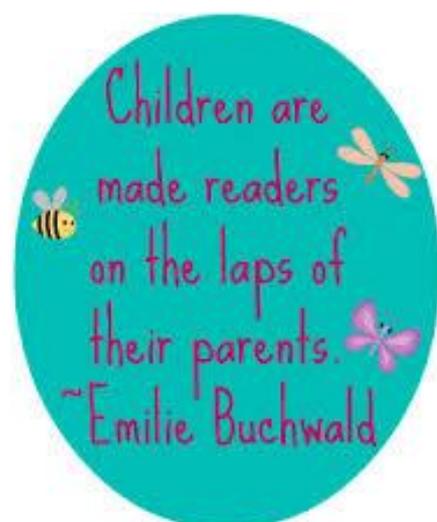
Thank you very much for the information and book that has been given in the goody bag. This is a very good idea and has brought lots of fun at reading time. We enjoyed using the picture props to act out the story and we look forward to making some up of our own.

Mrs Jackson delivered the workshop with her usual passion and enthusiasm. As a family of avid readers, we already read at least once a day, using many of the techniques discussed. The book was a lovely gift which we have enjoyed reading and the puppets have allowed us to make up our own stories! Thank you.

Was a great idea having the characters animated on sticks to enable the story to come to life – simple but effective! Was a lovely touch that all of the children received a goody bag!

We have tried to read stories every evening. His favourite story is 'Frozen' and also singing songs and dancing during the reading. My son is very happy and is willing to read more and more stories together.

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The Reading session was great fun. While reading at home we have been using the puppets. I have noticed my child was having fun, being more focused on the story. She was also repeating with me the rhythms. When we finished, she took the book and went through it herself again.

"If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books."

- Roald Dahl



We used the puppets with the book, my daughter found it very engaging, fun and we had her full attention throughout!

We also scoured good charity shops for some quality books.

We overall found the workshop very informative and useful- with good tips to use at home.

With all the items in the bag, we were holding them and making all the noises for the animals like the pig, the cow, the sheep and even the children. When she reads the book she loves looking at all the pictures and makes up her own words for the story. We also like making funny voices when we read the book too.

I loved this workshop. I love reading and want my child to too. Most of the ideas I already do, but I have been adding the suspense now and trying to get my child involved when I read more. He has been enjoying using the stick pictures too. I am lucky that he loves a book, and have found him reading his favourites to his little sister. I will be using the idea playing 'I Spy' while we are out. I previously thought he would be too young for this game just now but obviously not.

My child's speaking has come on a lot since reading more to her. I have been doing a lot of work with the alphabet and think she is getting to grips with it now since reading more. We try to read the same book to her every night, so she can recognise the words, but hasn't really got to grips with remembering the words.

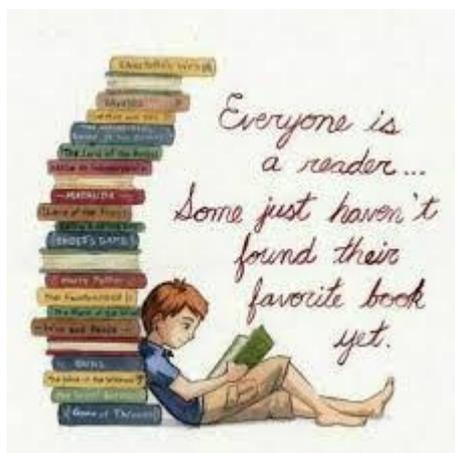
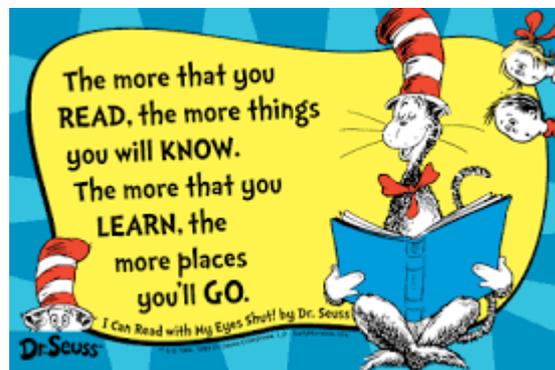
The love of reading is one of the greatest gifts a parent can give a child.



Thank you so much for the Pig in The Pond book. It has become a firm favourite (over Peppa Pig, thank the Lord!) The lolly stick figures are also great fun. They have encouraged us to have much more energetic reading sessions. Previously we read every night, it is an important part of winding down to us. Your workshop has reminded me that books don't always need to be calming. The laughter we have shared while reading in the last couple of weeks has been wonderful. Tips on getting good quality books were useful and we have joined the library. Try before I buy!! So really thank you.

This workshop was very enjoyable. There was time to learn about good and bad practice. The book was a great gift which we really enjoyed the way you read it.

Please continue doing more workshop like this one as we have learnt lots.



He loved this book and it's so good when he asks me to read it to him and I ask him to read it to me instead. He loves reading this book he even makes up his own story with the pictures in the book. He reads it everywhere even in the bathroom. He changes the story from Pig in the Pond to 'Sad Pig' or 'Happy Pig'.

The workshop The Reading Journey for 'Pig in the Pond' was very interesting. We've even gone to the library and I got more books. We've tried various ideas like a new routine before bed where she picks her favourite book. At the moment we like the book we got from the library called 'I Love My Puppy'. We have also used the items you supplied in the goody bag with the books which she loves.

My child likes to play with the puppets and loves it when I make the animal sounds. She also loved it when I hid behind the book in the middle of the story.

*There are many little ways
to enlarge
your child's world.
Love of books is
the best of all.*
—Jacqueline Kennedy

