INSW Department of Education

Learning every day in every way through play

Story time

Everyday routines

Learning activities at story time:

- Read a story to your child at bed time or throughout the day. Ask them to find relevant pictures in the book as you read, to predict what is going to happen next in the story and recall what happened after it finishes.
- Point to the words as you read and if your child knows the story well, they might like to read it to you.
- Ask your child to tell you a story before bed or make up a bed time story together.
- Use puppets to portray characters from one of your child's favourite books. If you don't have puppets, you could make them out of old socks with your child.
- Providing books for your child to explore on their own allows them to imagine the story as they look through the pictures, recall the story from a time it was read to them and engage in a quiet and enjoyable solitary learning experience.

What children are learning:

- Reading skills
- Understanding that words carry meaning
- Memory, predicting skills
- Creativity and imagination
- Comprehension and recall
- Connecting with others
- Values and messages through the story

