

## Oral storytelling

**Stories can be very powerful. They can teach us about new things, they can make us think about things we may not have thought of before and they can move us to feel a range of emotions.**

Telling stories can help us to share and explore experiences and to feel connected to others.

- Encourage your children's parents, carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins etc. to come into the setting to take part in your storytelling sessions.
- Ask parents to sit and tell stories to the children in their own languages, from their own culture, traditional tales, family stories etc.
- Offer them a range of group sizes to ensure they are comfortable sharing the story, so the children get a really positive experience.
- Start off with 1-2 children and then build the group sizes according to confidence and skill with storytelling.



Children need good experiences in the range of ways that stories can be shared, and oral storytelling can be done anywhere, any time and without any resources. It can be even more exciting than books, as you can use your imagination to incorporate events happening around you - and even include the children listening to your story!