

National Storytelling Week

Monday - Compare Bears

We're starting our National Storytelling Week with an old favourite; 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. This story introduces concepts of size, measure, comparison, cardinality and the number 3.

Resources:

- A doll
- Three bears of different sizes; these can be drawings, laminated print outs or cuddly toys
- Three different sized bowls
- Three different sized cushions
- Three different sized cardboard boxes.



Activity:

- Before children join you, set up the storytelling activity in a comfortable, quiet place. Set out the cushions next to each other as chairs and the cardboard boxes together as beds. Have the bowls to hand ready for the activity
- Begin the story by introducing the three bears as the main characters. Name the bears as Daddy big bear, Mummy medium bear and Baby little bear, counting them 1,2,3. Introduce your doll as Goldilocks. Remember – it doesn't matter what your doll looks like. For example, your Goldilocks character can be a boy or have long black hair
- At key points in the story use your Goldilocks doll to act out eating porridge from the three bowls, sitting on the three pillows as chairs and lying in the three cardboard boxes as beds
- Remember to count the props "1,2,3" and confirm the cardinal number by saying "there are three bears altogether". Use key vocabulary throughout including big, biggest, medium, little and littlest
- Encourage children to participate and share their understanding, for example, say 'Daddy's bed is the biggest. Can you see which one is Daddy's bed?'

It might look and sound something like this:

Using the three different sized bowls as props, "Goldilocks tried the porridge in the big bowl, but it was too hot. Next Goldilocks tried the porridge in the medium bowl, but it was too cold. Next Goldilocks tried the porridge in the littlest bowl, and it was just right". Using the three different sized cardboard boxes as props, "Goldilocks tried the biggest bed, but it was too hard. Next Goldilocks tried the medium bed, but it was too soft. Next Goldilocks tried the littlest bed, and it was just right."



Extension Opportunity:

Porridge is a nutritious and warming snack for children. Using measuring jugs and measuring spoons, support children to measure out ingredients to make their own porridge. Offer berries and dried fruit to put on top for a tasty snack time.

Top Tip:

Familiarise yourself with the story before delivering your storytelling session. If you don't have a hard copy, access YouTube to hear the story read aloud.

