



In Netherlee Nursery, we use the Hanen approach when story-telling.

Here are some of the methods of reading stories we use that you can also use to extend and enhance the storytelling experience.

- You can simplify the story, or just talk about the pictures and not read the words. Let your child look at the book at their own pace and according to their interests.
- It is okay to repeat stories- some children love to read the same book over and over. The repetition and familiarity helps your child learn new words and better understand concepts within the book
- Observe, Wait, Listen (OWL)- for your child to do or say something. After you have read a page- wait silently and avoid asking questions or pointing out anything in particular on that page. You want your child to express themselves!



- ★ Highlight important words (Sparkle Words)- emphasise important words with your voice, slowing down and showing a picture in the book which demonstrates the meaning of a word. Repeat these new words often when talking about the story and in everyday life. This will help your child remember these new words and possibly begin to use them.
- Expand your child's comments. For example, if your child says "there's a cat" You can expand by saying "yes, there is a cat purring on the sofa!" Adding to your child's ideas shows your child how to produce longer sentences and gives more information about the topic.
- Build your child's understanding- your child will gain a better understanding of experiences and the world around them if you draw connections between the book and real life. For example, if you read a book about going on holiday, you can talk about a recent holiday you have enjoyed.



- You can help your child predict what might happen (e.g. "I wonder what will happen if the wolf tries to blow down the brick house.."), compare and contrast (e.g. "The dog is big, just like our dog"), talk about feelings (e.g. The girl has lost her pencil. She looks sad") and make connections with experiences (e.g. remember when you made new friends and felt excited?). These ways of talking encourage your child to think, solve problems and use their imagination.