

3 Top Tips for Story Time



1. Use a Core Book List.

There are many great core book lists available online. Having books from a core book list makes story time much easier.

My first recommendation is the The Centre for Literacy in Primary Education (CLPE). The CLPE have been publishing a free core booklist since 1996. Visit <https://clpe.org.uk/> and select Core Books

My second recommendation is Simon Smith's book lists which are helpfully broken into year groups. Simon is the headteacher of a Primary School. Visit <https://smithsmm.wordpress.com/>

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Be sure that the core book list includes books that reflect your cohort. This will be different depending on your location. Imagine the cohort of children in central London compared to that of the Outer Hebrides.

2. Play to Your Strengths.

Build up your confidence by choosing your favourite book or books that you know well and enjoy.

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Try to always know the story you are reading. If you feel comfortable and confident the children will automatically be more engaged.

3. Create a soundtrack.

Just like Peter and the Wolf. Have a sound for the main character and maybe the 'baddie' which you make every time they appear in the story.

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Create groups of children with instruments to play the sound when their character turns up.