



Acting out a story the children have heard.

In our nursery we use stories as a starting point to many of our language activities. We discuss the story and retell it using props. We use the large wooden blocks and develop their imagination through making links to the story we have read. Every nursery session finishes with a story time.

## Environmental Print

In their daily lives children are surrounded by print. They see signs on roads, labels on packets, birthday cards and supermarket labels to name a few. Use the signs you see around you to help your child to become aware of the connection between letters, sounds and words.

For example look at cereals boxes and try to identify the first letter of their name. Play I spy games on car journeys and think of names of objects starting with the same initial letter. Play silly names game. Substitute the first letter of their name with other letters.

Make it fun . Make it enjoyable.



## St Ives Infant School Nursery



## Reading Information Booklet

## Reading at Home

Listening to stories is the perfect introduction to reading. At school, we have a daily story time as part of our routine.

At home, try to make reading a daily routine at a time that suits your family needs. When reading to your child introduce the book by its title and discuss what picture is on the cover. Ask your child why they have chosen that particular book. Make the story come alive by changing your voice to fit the characters. Talk about your child's favourite parts.

All our children have a book bag and are encouraged to choose a library book to

take home regularly. You can help them change their book when you drop them off for nursery.

### Why does my child keep choosing the same book?

Children love the repetition of language and often learn stories by memory. It is important to encourage favourite books that build confidence and enjoyment.

### Rhymes and Jingles

Young children love nursery rhymes and jingles. They join in with the singing and learn to



become aware of words that make up the rhyme. Children with a good knowledge of nursery rhymes develop a sensitivity to sounds and features of words, which then help them when they are learning to read.



In the nursery, as part of our daily routine we give children opportunity to join in with lots of different rhymes and jingles. At home you can help with buying or downloading nursery rhymes that they can sing along to.