

Daily tips for Playful Learning at Home

Can I play?

Telling stories together is fun, helps us feel close and is also a way of exploring the world without leaving home. Today's story is about a couple of friends who are learning how to play together and all its ups and downs – it really is magic!

What do I need?

- A quiet, comfy place where you can watch and talk about the story together.
- You can access the story from the Book Trust free at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K3IfmyxaLMA>
- You might want to look out some cards, scarves and other props from the story to play with too

What will your child learn from this play?

- About different animals and how to compare them
- About being strong and having courage even if you are small!
- To have fun with you and develop an enjoyment of listening and sharing stories
- Putting things into categories

What do we do?

Find a **quiet, comfy** place to read together which is distraction free as possible.

Watch Caryl reading the story together online together for fun and watch your child's reaction to the different pictures and characters.

Read the story again and encourage your child to respond to different bits of it. **Pause and wait** from time to time to give them a chance to think and respond.

Remember it's ok not to follow the whole story word for word all of the time, quite often children can be inspired by a picture or memory which may spark a discussion about something else related to the story where you can then **comment and add** new words too.

Chat about what you have read – could be about how to join in, what to do if you feel left out, bossy people or anything else your child is interested in.

How can you take it further?

Make your own magic show with your child – can you make a toy disappear under a scarf?

Retell the story – maybe your child can draw some pictures and make marks or you can write words for them

Does your child have any ideas for what Scout or Sparkle could have done to stop it going wrong?

You might chat a bit about going to nursery or school and what it is like meeting new people

