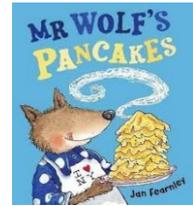




Daily tips for Playful Learning at Home

Pancake Day



Listening to or reading stories together is a great way to spend some quiet cosy time with your child. It supports language development, listening skills and can lead to all kinds of other learning.

What do I need?

To connect to the internet using a device or a copy of the books.
A comfy space to sit and enjoy the stories with your child.
Some paper and a pen.

What do we do?

Listen to the story of The Run Away Pancake:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fnEj6xOnFDI>

Or listen to Mr Wolf's Pancakes:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXQDqHp-xM>

Or you could listen to both!

- Listen to the story or stories again or later if your child wants to.
- You could talk about the story – tell your child which bit you like the best. Maybe it was the end when he ate everyone up? Was there a bit that made you laugh? Say which character you liked and why ask 'I wonder which bit you like?' or comment on their reaction to parts of the story. For example 'I saw you smiling when ...'
- Talk about how some of the characters might have felt, look at their faces in the pictures do they look happy or cross?
- Write a shopping list next time you have to go to the shops and to let your child see that writing has a purpose. If they want, let them do their own shopping list and explore mark making.

What will your child learn from this play?

- Enjoyment of stories.
- Listening skills
- An awareness of sequence; beginning, middle and end.
- An awareness of emotions.

How can you take it further?

Look in recipe books and find something you can make together, read the ingredients out – it doesn't have to be pancakes but it could be.

Bake or cook something together. Have the recipe out to look at and talk about what it says to do.

Let your child help measure the ingredients out and introduce to some mathematical language.

Enjoy eating what you make together!