

Story Telling with Props

Brave Bear – is an idea from Creative Star.

Brave Bear can be put in all sorts of places where children might want to go and are not sure of, up on the climbing frame, on the swing, balancing on the stepping stones. Children have to help Brave Bear by telling him what to do. They might want to show him or help him to do it. This will allow children to verbalise their fears but also their problem solving and risk assessment skills. It builds their confidence too, make them the enablers.



What If?

Bears, dolls, puppets, superheroes and others can be placed in different places and children asked to tell the story of what the bear or doll is up to and what is happening. Play the 'What If' game and the children can problem solve for the bear, who might be met by aliens, finds a hippo in his garden or other nonsense stories and the more serious 'what if's lost at the shops, being teased, approached by a stranger, or any other story.



Talking Teddy – a popular tool at circle time.

Our talking teddy was special and was only brought out at circle time from his bed. Children who would normally not contribute to the circle time in front of the whole group were able to talk to teddy. Also it encourages the children to listen as Talking Teddy can only hear the person who is holding him and others need to stay quiet so that he can hear.