**Story Boxes, Small World Play & Puppets**

**Story Boxes**

Story boxes create special opportunities to revisit the themselves and storylines of a particular story. Typically, they consist of a shoebox containing a range of small toys and inspirational objects. The box itself can be turned into a setting for the story using a variety of collage materials and with sides cut to fold down. However, the box is at its most effective when something intriguing or unexpected is added. Children can use the box to story tell the next episode of a story or create another story with similar setting or characters.

**Small World Play**

Opportunities for small world play that are based on a known story promote talk about the shape of the story. They encourage children to discuss key elements such as character and plot and to make decisions about how they create the setting. As they play, whether as individual or in cooperation with others, they practise their narrative skills and 'try on' the different characters using different voices to bring them to life.

**Puppets**

Making puppets helps children to re-enact books and stories – helping them to rehearse the language and shapes of stories.