

40 Book-based activities



1. Book scavenger hunt- provide the children with a pile of books. Give the children a set of scavenger questions e.g. Find a book written in the first person, find a book which is set in space etc.
2. Read a book and change the ending. Could the children change the genre as a challenge?
3. Draw a comic strip or create a graphic novel to retell a story.
4. Prepare a set of reading clues for the children to match to books. Can the children create their own reading clues?
5. Musical Reading Chairs - Set up the chairs in a row. Put a reading book on each chair. When the music stops, children read the book on their chair. Give the children a few minutes before playing the music again. Give the opportunity to sit and read or to move onto a new book. Allow the children the opportunity to feedback on their favourite book.
6. Provide the children with images to sequence as a prediction before they read a book. Can they put them in the correct order once they have read the book?
7. Record the children reading the story. Create images/art to go with the story, scan the images and use iMovie to put film and sound together.
8. Guess the word- ask the children to predict the missing language from a page out of a book. Cover longer sections of text with strips of paper or lolly sticks and ask a partner to predict what is missing.
9. Create a 'diamond 9' to discuss elements of the book. E.g. Provide 9 options for characters from The Philosopher's Stone and ask the children to use it to explain who has had the most influence on Harry's life.
10. Create Top Trumps using protagonists and antagonists from a range of texts.