World Read Aloud Day 2021

Useful tips on sharing the story with preschool children

*Fly, everyone, fly!* is suitable for reading aloud to children 6 years and older, but that doesn’t mean that younger children can’t enjoy the story too! Here are some ideas on how to share the story with children aged 3 to 6 years.

**Before**

★ A few days before sharing the story with children, read it a few times. Get to know the story well enough so that you can retell it in your own way.

★ Think about how to bring the story alive.

- Introduce the story in a way that sparks children’s curiosity. For example: **Write a letter** that says: ‘Who wants to join me on a bus trip to visit Gogo? Love, Afrika.’ Leave the letter somewhere where the children will find it and when they do, **read** it to them. Use chairs to make the ‘seats’ of the bus.

- Find parts of the story where the children can join in. For example: **doing the actions** to Josh’s song.

- What facial expressions and gestures can you use as you tell the story? For example: **smiling and waving** like Gogo at the bus stop.

- Collect and/or make some of the objects mentioned in the story to show as you tell the story. For example: a **backpack with paper in it, a paper aeroplane**. Or, download and print the story’s pictures from [www.nalibali.org](http://www.nalibali.org)

★ Practise telling the story.

**During**

★ Introduce then tell the story to the children.

**After**

★ Ask open-ended questions to encourage the children to think and talk about ideas linked to the story. For example: **Would you rather be a plane or a bus? Why?**

★ Together, pretend to be something that flies. Say what you are.

★ Invite the children to:

- **make bus tickets** or **draw** pictures about the story with crayons, kokis, paper and scissors.

- **play** on the bus you made. (They can also **dress up** for the journey!)

- make scenes from the story using playdough or clay.

- make planes or buses with recycled materials (like cardboard boxes, paper towel rolls, bottle tops), glue, scissors and paint.

Most importantly, **have fun!**

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