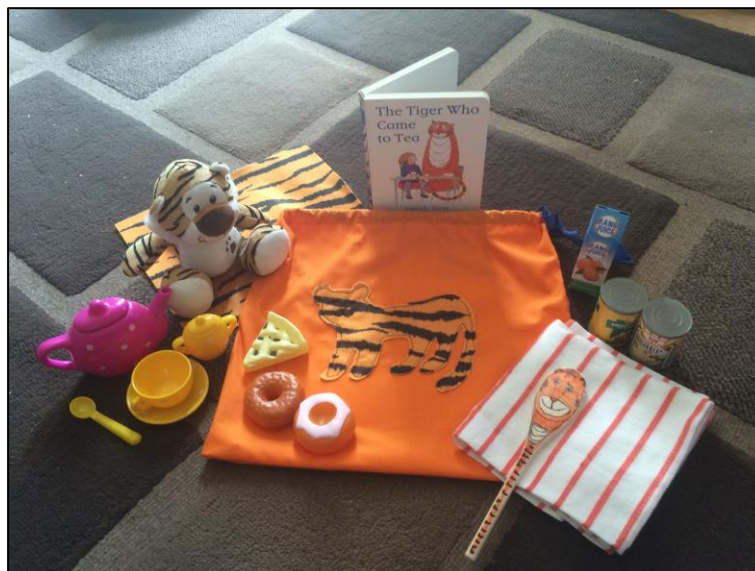


STORY SACK

Suits ages 22 - 60months



What you'll need:

- A favourite picture book
- A soft material bag
- Items from the story that you collect around the house

What you do:

1. Start by selecting a picture book that your child loves, and then collect a number of items that represent characters, objects, or other aspects of the story. For younger children it's best to start with identical 3D objects but as your child gets older you can use different or more sophisticated representations of items in the story.
2. Ask your child to feel around in the bag and pick out an item.
3. Now the fun begins. Your child can match the item to passages that you read out, or flip through the pages to try and find the item in the story. They can explore the item and describe to you what it looks, feels or smells like.
4. To take it to the next step, recap a little about the story and then role play with the items. See if your child can apply it to other contexts by asking them questions about what it's used for, whether they've seen it before, and see if they can find another example of the item in the room.

By extending and building upon vocabulary your child will learn new words to describe the world around them. Using a story bag allows them recall the story, as well as being able to add to it.