

**Role play** and **play opportunities** in provision help children to:

- Develop **empathy** as they think about characters' **perspectives, motivations** and **feelings**.
- Apply **personal** and **social** skills, **communication** and **language, physical coordination** and general **understanding of the world**.
- Develop confidence with a range of **story** and **language structures**.

**Link provision to stories and interests to boost engagement.**

**Share a story** that you feel provides good opportunities for **role play** and **discussion**. Use our Bookfinder tool and curated booklists to find quality books.

During your reading session, aim to use one or more of the role play techniques demonstrated in the presentation, or some of your own.

**Reflect:**

- *Did the role play develop into any **wider learning** or **play opportunities** for any of the children involved?*
- *What **discussions** or **interests** were generated by this activity?*
- *Did you notice **deeper engagement** with the story?*
- *Were there any **development points** from this activity you can take forward in your own practice?*