

Early Years and Primary Home Education – Summer 2 weeks 1 and 2  
Story Time & Reading – Going on A Journey



Wherever possible, adding creative elements to stories will extend your child's attention and inspire communication.

Don't worry if you don't have some of the resources for storytelling, allow yourself to be flexible and adapt to suit you and your child.



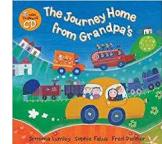
**Makaton**

At school we encourage and promote Makaton every day.  
During the 'Singing Hands' videos join in with the signing wherever possible and  
Remember – Have Fun!



**The Journey Home From Grandpa's:**

Join in and sing along with the happy family as they travel home from Grandpa's.



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wKcrsv\\_t8Ko](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wKcrsv_t8Ko)

**Activities:**

- Interact and play with your child in time to the song. For example:  
'whizzes up and down around, up and down around'  
Move their arms or legs up and down.
- Offer your child a coloured item for them to hold/play with that matches the colour in time to song.

**Where the Wild Things Are:**

Join Max as he winds up sailing to an island inhabited by beasts known as the "wild things".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MnJn3567UMo>

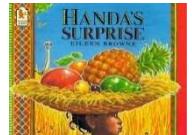
**Activities:**

- Listen to the story again. Look at the emotions on Max's face. How is he feeling? Can you copy his facial expressions?
- Look at the illustration of the coloured leaves on the inside cover. Find some leaves and arrange them to make your own picture.



**Handa's Surprise:**

Handa has delicious fruits in a basket to take to her friend. But as she walks, carrying the basket on her head, various creatures steal her fruits.



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XvIV\\_xYi0as](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XvIV_xYi0as)

**Activities:**

- Retell the story in the form of a storyboard with drawings of Handa and the animals.
- Weigh a selection of different fruit and vegetables. Can you put them in order from lightest to heaviest?
- If you were going to collect some gifts for a friend, what would you give them?

Look out on our YouTube channel for our 'Going on A Bear Hunt' sensory story you can do at home!



Bring the elements to your child such as a bowl of water or shaving foam in time to the "splash" and "squelch" in the story.

Once you've heard the story – create a simple snack you would take with you on a bear hunt.

Write or draw a list of things that you might need if you were going on a similar adventure with your family.



Stories With Mike



Reading Is FuN!



### Recommended Websites:

The Best Travel Books: <https://www.cntraveler.com/galleries/2014-07-21/the-best-travel-books-for-kids>

Aside from actually hopping on a plane, reading is the best way for children to learn about the world around them. This website recommends books with the theme of 'travel'. You will probably know most of the classics already, featuring famous characters like Paddington Bear and Madeline.