## Making stories come to life with props

You will need: a favourite story and some simple props

## Using props with a story helps young children to:

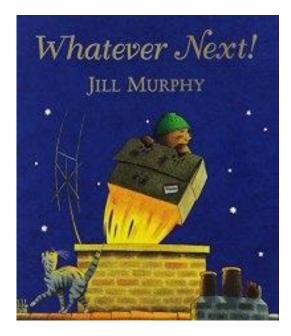
- join in with your telling of the story and maybe take over!
- act out stories, ideas and feelings in imaginative play
- develop their use of language.

## What to do:

- 1. Find or make a prop that goes with a favourite book and use it when telling the story.
- 2. Props don't need to be very realistic, children have good imaginations!
- 3. A couple of suggestions:

The Big Red Bus by Judy Hindley: some toy cars lined up in a traffic jam.

Whatever next! by Jill Murphy: a big box for your child to take off in (wearing a colander-helmet!) or a small box for teddy to take off in.



What games do you and your little one like playing together? Share your ideas: www.facebook.com/peeplecentre

