

Personal story sacks

Creating personal story sacks with children in your setting will support children's personal, social and emotional development as well as developing key literacy skills.

Aims

- Personal, social and emotional development
- Developing a sense of self
- Communication and language development
- Responding to familiar objects
- Physical development
- Handling and manipulating objects
- Literacy development
- Understanding the world
- Gaining a sense of own immediate family and relations.

Resources

- Camera
- A small cloth sack
- Photographs of individual children
- Photo book or card and ties
- Glue
- Scissors
- Items from home that parents are happy to share.

Activity Outline

To create personal story sacks for individual children:

Ask families for photographs of people / places that are important to the child and items that represent their life story e.g. clothing, pictures of favourite toys, holiday snaps, souvenirs from visits to special places

- Take photographs of the child taking part in activities in and around the setting
- Put the photographs into a photo book or stick them onto card and secure the pages together
- Add these items to individual cloth bags, the child can then use this to 'tell' their story.

Next Steps

Create story bags from visits outside of the setting:

- Collect items from your visit to act as prompts for re-telling the story of the day
- Put all the visit prompts in a cloth sack and use them to share what happened e.g. what you saw, touched, tasted etc
- Store these in your story corner so children can access them independently or take them home to share with their families.

Special considerations:

For children with English as an additional language (EAL) you can ask the parents to record the child's story in the language/s they speak as well as English, so the child can hear their story in both languages.