

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, your child will be bringing home a wordless book.

A wordless book is a book that tells a story purely through the illustrations. Wordless picture books are valuable tools for literacy development as they engage children in prediction, critical thinking, meaning making and storytelling. Guiding your child's interaction with a wordless book can also develop a richer vocabulary and greater understanding of story structure.

How to Read a Wordless Picture Book with Your Child:

1. Begin by looking at the cover. What can you see? What clues to the story does the cover illustration show?
2. Read the title. Does the title give you any ideas for what the story might be about? Make predictions about the story based on the cover and title.
3. Take a picture walk. Look through the pages of the book with the sole purpose of enjoying the pictures. Talk about anything that captures your attention.
4. "Read" the story. You might go first, inviting your child to add to your story as they see fit. Don't be afraid to tell your story with dramatic flair. Add sound effects and interesting voices that suit the characters of your tale.
5. Encourage your child to take a turn telling their own version of the story.
6. Ask questions about the book — Look at the front cover. What could the book be about? Who are the main characters? What do you think will happen next? Do you like how the story ended? Can you think of another way the book could have ended?

Books will be issued at the start of the week and collected back in at the end (this may differ in the case of a shorter week). Please note: a new book will not be issued until the previous book has been returned.