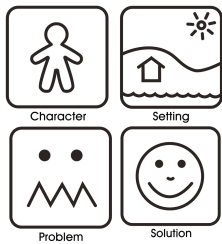# Tales Toolkit

High impact and low planning, Tales Toolkit gives children a means of exploring, creating and telling the stories that are important to them. Tales Toolkit provides interactive, child-led resources using easy to remember symbols representing story structure.

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When practitioners deliver Tales Toolkit in their settings, they guide children through the process of creating their own story. Over time, staff support children to create stories more independently and in later stages of the programme children are supported to write, draw and make marks to represent their story. These activities are designed to support children to develop their language and communication skills, creative thinking, and problem solving, as well as laying the foundations for the development of writing skills.

Feedback and Awards

Tales Toolkit has won numerous awards including Teach First Innovation award, Nursery World Awards and ERA awards and gained funding and support from companies such as The Lego Foundation.

"We are absolutely loving the Tales Toolkit training and it's had an amazing impact on the children's literacy skills."

·"We are loving it...the children love it too! It is so accessible and super easy to introduce. The children are steadily gaining confidence with it and we are starting to see some great use of language and ideas for the stories emerging."

How will your setting benefit?

Settings will have access to Tales Toolkit for FREE during the project. The package usually costs £960 including VAT. You will have access to the online training and resources for a year and can keep the kit at the end of the project. Plus hubs are funding extra kit for settings.

Great Opportunity

Our Early Years Stronger Practise Hub is looking for settings in the following areas to start in Summer 2024. The borough eligible are:
Surrey, East Sussex, West Sussex, Medway, Brighton & Hove, Isle of Wight, Birmingham, Solihull, Coventry, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Hereford and South Gloucestershire

What does the package include?

- 5 x 50 min online training films. Training is designed to run over 3-4 months with activities between sessions embedding best practice. You have access to this package for a year to rewatch as many times as you like.

- Physical resources to use in the delivery of Tales Toolkit sessions (big bags; small kit; apron; hanger; shuffle book; big book).

- Additional support through an online platform: research articles linked to each session; a social media group for participants; an archive of webinars with early years experts; and downloadable resources.

What we need from your setting

- Identification of a lead practitioner who will be the main contact for the project. They will be asked to organise the group training sessions, where staff watch the training together, and plan for delivery in their setting.

- Staff need to engage with all 5 training sessions as a group to make best use of the interactive elements. We ask that settings commit to this being a whole team approach where all / the majority of staff are involved in the training. We appreciate this may not always be possible so ask that staff at least watch the sessions in small groups to ensure the interactive elements are fully utilised. In these circumstances the lead practitioner will need to check all relevant staff have completed the training.

- Tasks between sessions need to be completed. These aren't work heavy and should be happening automatically as a result of the training sessions. Settings should deliver at least one Tales Toolkit story a week for all children involved (can be whole class, small group, individual) and resources embedded across the provision for children to access.

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