

Little Red and the Big Bad Croc

Your child's class has listened to a story called *Little Red and the Big Bad Croc*. It is a retelling of *Little Red Riding Hood*. This story has rich language, detailed illustrations and an ending that will make you smile.

Listening to *Little Red and the Big Bad Croc* with your child at home is a great way to build on their language and literacy learning. You can [download and listen to the audio with the PowerPoint](#), or read the [story](#) to your child as you [look at the pictures](#). To make the experience even richer, you might like to try some of the ideas below.

Moral of the story (supports thinking about messages in stories)

Have fun chatting about the story.

Why did Little Red's mother tell her to stay on the track? Do you think Little Red should have stopped to talk to Croc? What can we learn from this story?

Story language (supports language awareness)

Talk about the meaning of words and phrases in the story.

The saying 'stomach did a flip' means that Little Red suddenly felt nervous or scared. I sometimes feel nervous when I meet new people. When do you feel nervous? What can we do to make ourselves feel better?

Fairytales (builds an understanding of text types)

Talk about fairytales with your child.

The story begins: 'Once upon a time ...' and it ends with '... lived happily ever after'.

Stories that start and end this way are called fairytales. Do you know any other fairytales?

You might like to tell your child a fairytale you know.

Comparing (supports critical thinking)

If your child knows the story of Little Red Riding Hood, chat about the two stories.

This story is like the story about Little Red Riding Hood.

How are these stories alike and how they are different?



Use your home language

If your home language is not English, you can apply these ideas in your own language. This will help support your child to learn to read English.

You might like to share traditional tales or family stories from your own culture, in your home language.



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