A READ-TO READING EXPERIENCE
Fiction Texts
(This activity should take the whole session)

- Arrange children so they are sitting quietly and looking at you.
- Give out books to all children.
- You say: “This story is called ……………………………
- Have the children study the front cover and encourage them to answer in sentences.
- What do you think this story will be about? (Give each child a chance to respond) Child: ‘I think this story will be about…..’
- What do you know about this?
- What words do you think we will find in this book? List the words and phrases and appropriate synonyms on chart.
- I am going to read you this book and I want you to follow. Looking with your eyes at the pictures and thinking about the story. I will tell you when to turn the page.
- Who can tell me what you will do as you listen to the story? Child: ‘I will ……’ (Look at the pictures/think about the story/try to read some words etc.)
- Read the story stopping after every one/two pages to have the children discuss what’s happening and to predict what might come next.
- At the end of the text have the children retell the story using the following prompts:
  - Who is in the story? Where are they? When is the story happening?
  - What happened to start the story?
  - How did the characters feel about this?
  - What did the characters decide to do? What did they actually do? What happened because of what the characters did?
  - How did the story end?
  - What do you think the characters will do next time?
  - Now, using all that we have talked about, I want you to write and then draw about an interesting character from this story.
- Go around to each child spending a minute to ask them questions about their drawing and extend their sentences. eg. Tell me about your picture? Why did you choose this character to draw?
  - What did this character do in the story? Are you like this character? How?
  - Do you know anyone like this character? Tell me about them.

REMEMBER TO, PRAISE & ENCOURAGE ALL RESPONSES AND ATTEMPTS MADE BY THE CHILDREN

Sincere thanks for your time in helping us this morning!