**Story in Hedgehog Class**

Reading stories with young children plays a vital part in their growth and development.  Not only does it encourage listening and attention skills, but it also acts to builds vocabulary, develops language and communications skills and most excitingly for them, it feeds their imagination.

Spending time not only reading a story but talking about the pictures, characters and events in the story all contribute not only to their development but also to foster a love of reading.

We advise that children read at home also, at least 5 times a week, it is a great experience not only for the children but also the parents. Nothing better displays the way a child is developing than through their reading – it opens their world.