Communicating

Example of a told story

Transcript of video

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Teaching scenario

Jo Darbyshire And in my story box I have ...

Kindergarten teacher

Children Your story hat.

Jo My story hat. What does my story hat mean?

Child A story without a book.

Jo We're going to have a story without a book.

Interview

Jo

The way that we plan the program, we look at the children's play and we try and build on that as most early childhood teachers do. But we also introduce things that we know that the children will enjoy.

So with that particular story, they hadn't been playing the billygoats. There had been no mention of that story. That was my choice as a teacher to introduce that story to the children. Because I know that it's got seriation, it's got a logical progression, it's got movements that the children can be engaged in. It's got rhythm and repetition and things.

So it's a good one for their oral language and their storytelling and their understanding of that genre. It will include communication. They'll need to collaborate ... So it goes into when we're looking at how we build the program into other areas, all those learning

developmental areas.

Teaching scenario

Jo

So one day the billygoats were eating and eating and eating and eating and eating because that's what billygoats do. They like to eat a lot. And they ate so much that there was no grass left on their side of the river. All they had left was dirt.

They could see over the other side to this beautiful, delicious grass and they thought, wouldn't it be nice if we could have the grass on that side of the river. But how will we get across?

He bravely went up onto the bridge and his feet make a bit of a louder noise because he's heavier. Trip, trap, trip, trap, trip, trap, trip, trap, went his feet across the bridge. And the troll heard that noise, and he's waiting for this billygoat for his dinner. He jumped up and he



said, 'Who's that tripping over my bridge?'

The billygoat said, 'It's me, the middle-sized billygoat gruff. I'm just going over to eat the grass on the other side of the river.' The troll said, 'No, you're not, because I'm hungry and I'm going to eat you up.'

The billygoat said, 'Oh please Mr Troll, please don't eat me up. I'm only a middle-size billygoat gruff. I'm not very big and I don't think I'd be very tasty. You could wait 'til my brother comes along. He's much bigger than I am.'

The troll said, 'Very well then. I'll wait for the biggest billygoat gruff because I'm very, very hungry.' And he jumped back under the bridge. The middle-size billygoat gruff really quickly went trip, trap, trip, trap, trip, trap over to join his brother on the other side.