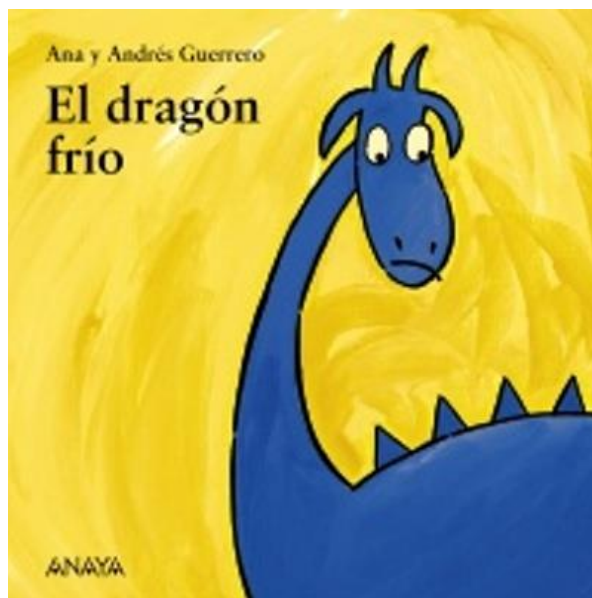


# Picture books: how they can help us cover the Programme of Study at KS2



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# Objectives

We are going to explore the following questions:

1. What are we trying to achieve by using picture books?
2. How can we use them?
3. Where can we get them from?

# 1) What are we trying to achieve by using picture books?

We and our pupils will have a lot of fun!!

Pupils get to see new or familiar language in context.

They learn new vocabulary.

They gain in fluency and confidence.

The experience will motivate our pupils to learn languages.

It will encourage them to read for pleasure.

It will inspire them to write.

**Activity 1:** have you used picture books in your language lessons before and if so, which ones and how? If not, what has stopped you? Please share your ideas in your group.

# 1) What are we trying to achieve by using picture books?

We want children to make progress!

Programmes of Study KS2

## Languages – key stage 2

### Subject content

#### Key stage 2: Foreign language

Teaching may be of any modern or ancient foreign language and should focus on enabling pupils to make substantial progress in one language. The teaching should provide an appropriate balance of spoken and written language and should lay the foundations for further foreign language teaching at key stage 3. It should enable pupils to understand and communicate ideas, facts and feelings in speech and writing, focused on familiar and routine matters, using their knowledge of phonology, grammatical structures and vocabulary.

The focus of study in modern languages will be on practical communication.

Pupils should be taught to:

1. listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding
2. explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words
3. engage in conversations; ask and answer questions; express opinions and respond to those of others; seek clarification and help\*
4. speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures
5. develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are reading aloud or using familiar words and phrases\*
6. present ideas and information orally to a range of audiences\*
7. read carefully and show understanding of words, phrases and simple writing
8. appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the language
9. broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words that are introduced into familiar written material, including through using a dictionary
10. write phrases from memory, and adapt these to create new sentences, to express ideas clearly
11. describe people, places, things and actions orally\* and in writing
12. understand basic grammar appropriate to the language being studied, including (where relevant): feminine, masculine and neuter forms and the conjugation of high-frequency verbs; key features and patterns of the language; how to apply these, for instance, to build sentences; and how these differ from or are similar to English.

The starred (\*) content above will not be applicable to ancient languages.

## 2) How can we use picture books?

A concrete example: "Le loup qui voulait être un artiste".



Activity 2: for each one of the suggested activities on your sheet, please write the number(s) of the element(s) of the Programmes of Study which they can help address!

ACTIVITES: please add the relevant KS and the element(s) of the PoS addressed!

Foreign Language Assistant shares a story with a small group.

Teacher shares a story with the whole class.

Older pupil reads a story to a younger pupil.

Pupil reads a story on their own.

Pupils translate into French/German/Spanish a passage from a popular story in English.

Class studies a well-known story.

Class studies a new and authentic story.

Pupils and teachers read a passage together out loud.

Teacher reads a sentence, pupils repeat it.

Pupils have to predict what is going to happen next.

Pupils listen out for cognates as the story is being told.

Pupils look for cognates in the text.

Pupils answer questions in English about a story.

Pupils adapt the text.

Pupils write their own story.

Pupils look for when "tu" and "vous" are used in a story.

Pupils perform a text in assembly.

Pupils perform a text in class, with puppets.

Pupils listen out for a specific word said by the teacher and perform an action.

Human sentences are made from a passage.

A story is chosen because it is about means of transport.

A story is chosen for all the adjectives in it.

Pupils participate in the story.

Pupils translate a selected passage from the story into English.

Pupils make a minibook.

A game is designed based on the story.

A passage from a story is dictated to the class.

A story is chosen for its rhymes.

A story is shared which encourages children to be kind to others.

A story is shared about Christmas in France/Spain/Germany etc.

Pupils express their opinion on a story.

Pupils write a book review.

A story in the 1<sup>st</sup> person is rewritten in the 3<sup>rd</sup> person.

Pupils use a dictionary to help understand an extract from a story.

Pupils narrate a story.

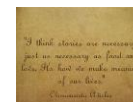
Pupils play roles in a story.

A story is shared in the past tense.

A passage is given without its punctuation.

Pupils are read a familiar story without being told what it is.

Pupils do a craft activity after reading a story.



## Suggested cross-references at KS2

Foreign Language Assistant shares a story with a small group. 1,8,9

Teacher shares a story with the whole class. 1,8,9

Older pupil reads a story to a younger pupil. 2,4,5,7,8,9

Pupil reads a story on their own. 7,8

Pupils translate into French/German/Spanish a passage from a popular story in English. 7

Class studies a well-known story. 7,8,9

Class studies an original and authentic story. 7,8,9

Pupils and teachers read a passage together out loud. 2,5

Teacher reads a sentence, pupils repeat it. 2,5

Pupils have to predict what is going to happen next. 1

Pupils listen out for cognates as the story is being told. 1,9

Pupils look for cognates in the text. 2,9

Pupils answer questions in English about a story. 7,8,9

Pupils adapt the text. 10,11,12

Pupils write their own story. 10,11,12

Pupils look for when "tu" and "vous" are used in a story. 12

Pupils perform a text in assembly. 4,5,6

Pupils perform a text in class, with puppets. 4,5,6

Pupils listen out for a specific word said by the teacher and perform an action. 1,8

Human sentences are made from a passage. 7,12

A story is chosen because it is about means of transport. 8,9

A story is chosen for all the adjectives in it. 8,12

Pupils join in with the telling of a story. 1,6

Pupils translate a selected passage from the story into English. 9

Pupils make a minibook. 10

A game is designed based on the story. 10

A passage from a story is dictated to the class. 2

A story is chosen for its rhymes. 2,8,12

A story is shared which encourages children to be kind to others. 8

A story is shared about Christmas in France/Spain/Germany etc. 8

Pupils express their opinion on a story. 3,11

Pupils write a book review. 3,11

A story in the 1<sup>st</sup> person is rewritten in the 3<sup>rd</sup> person. 12

Pupils use a dictionary to help understand an extract from a story. 9

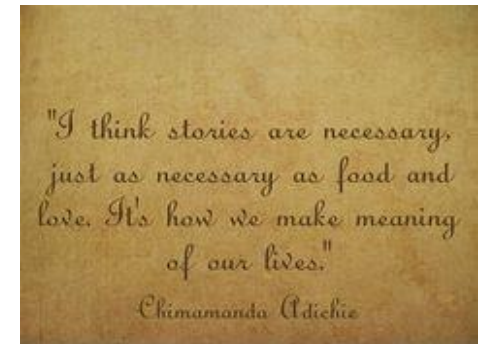
Pupils narrate their own version of a story. 4,5

Pupils play roles in a story and use props. 3,4,5,6

A story is shared in the past tense. 8,12 A passage is given without its punctuation. 12

Pupils are read a familiar story without being told what it is. 1

Pupils do a craft activity after reading a story. **creativity!**





## 2) How can we use picture books?

Activity 3: think of the books (or extracts from books) which you have used before. Can you think of any other ways to exploit them? Please discuss your ideas with your group then share with the whole cohort so they can all be collated and shared!

## 4) Where can we get stories from?

- Specialist languages businesses: [Little Linguist](#), [b small publishing](#), [The European Bookshop](#), [Mary Glasgow](#)
- Friends and/or relatives abroad; colleagues
- For ideas of suitable books: Le Bibliobook @ [Natta-Lingo](#)
- For free digital copies: [Les Quatre Amis](#) (also in Spanish and German), [ALL Literature Wikidot](#), [Culturethèque](#), [Goethe Institut](#); also [Little Red Languages](#) (£60 a year)

NB for puppets: [Tiny Tots Shop](#)

When are you next  
going to read a story to  
your pupils??

