Retelling stories at home

Building reading comprehension through retelling stories –

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**Story 1  A naughty dog**

**Picture 1:**

One **beautiful** sunny day, Mae, a happy little girl, was playing in the yard with her brand new ball. Her dog quietly sat watching Mae having fun with the ball.

**Picture 2:**

**Suddenly** her dog **snatched** Mae’s ball and ran away with it. She chased after her **pesky** dog but he ran faster and faster until she fell over. Mae was **upset** and cried because she couldn’t catch that naughty dog.

**Picture 3:**

After a while Mae **decided** that she would get help from her Dad who had come out into the garden when he heard her crying. She **explained** "The dog has stolen my ball and I can't catch him".

**Picture 4:**

When Dad caught the dog he took the ball out of his mouth. Mae was happy because she finally had her ball back and **decided** to keep it away from her naughty dog.

**Story 2  A wet day**

**Picture 1:**

Last Tuesday when Indie went to school she was **excited** because she was going to play skipping with her friends at lunch time.

**Picture 2:**

First thing each morning Indie’s class did reading. Indie looked out her classroom window and saw that **huge** black clouds were filling the sky. She was **worried** because she **knew** that they could not do skipping if it was raining.

**Picture 3:**

Indie **thought** about what she could do. At first break she went to her teacher and asked, "Excuse me, if it rains at lunch time could we do skipping in the hall?"

Her teacher told her that that was an **excellent** idea.

**Picture 4:**

At lunch time Indie and her friends didn’t care that it was raining heavily outside because they had lots of fun playing skipping in the hall. Indie was happy that she had planned so well.
Story 3  Lost goggles

Last Friday morning Kim went to the school pool for swimming training which he enjoyed.

When he was ready to dive into the pool Kim realised that he did not have his swimming goggles. He carefully looked through his swimming bag but he could not find his goggles. He was worried because his eyes got red and sore without protection.

Kim thought his swimming coach might be able to help so he went and explained, "I have lost my swimming goggles". The coach, a kind helpful lady, had a spare pair of goggles and kindly gave them to Kim.

After thanking the coach Kim quickly put on the goggles and dived into the pool. Kim was happy that he was able to join in the swimming training. After he had finished swimming he handed the goggles back to his coach.

Story 4  A juggling disaster

During their school holidays Adam and his friend went to the circus. They saw a juggler who threw three plates up into the air at the same time without dropping any of them. "Even I can do that" boasted Adam.

When he arrived home, Adam went into the kitchen and took out three good plates. He thought he could do the trick that he had seen the juggler do at the circus so threw the three plates high up into the air. Unfortunately all three plates fell on the floor and broke into pieces.

Adam’s mother dashed into the kitchen when she heard the smashing sound. His mother was extremely annoyed when she saw that Adam had broken three of her best plates.

She told him that he had to sweep up the broken plates and then buy new ones.
Story 5  A trip to the dentist

Kai woke up with a terrible toothache last Monday. He looked at his badly swollen face in the mirror and thought "I must go to the dentist this afternoon".

The dentist asked Kai to open his mouth as widely as he could. Then he examined the tooth and said, "I'm afraid I'll have to put a filling in this tooth". Kai was upset and cried because his mouth was already throbbing with pain.

Then the dentist said, "Kai your tooth will feel better very soon because I have fixed it for you". As the dentist was talking Kai realised that his tooth wasn't hurting very much anymore so he stopped crying.

Kai happily left the dentist's room with a new SuperHero sticker. His tooth felt fine and he was looking forward to showing his fabulous new sticker to his friends.

Story 6  Island adventure

Early one morning Lee got into his boat and rowed towards an island not far from the beach. When he reached the island, Lee pulled the boat up on to the beach and lay down in the warm sun. He stayed on the island all day, swimming and looking for shells.

When it started to get cold Lee decided that it was time to go home. Lee rowed and rowed but the boat sat motionless. He was puzzled because he knew he was a strong boy.

Eventually Lee decided to look all around the boat to check what was wrong.

He found a huge black rock stuck in front of the boat so Lee quickly moved the boat away from the rock and said to himself, “Now I can row home”. He was most relieved to get home in time for dinner.
Story 7  Dessert

Picture 1:

It was Mia’s birthday last Monday so her father made her a beautiful dessert of green jelly decorated with chocolate frogs.

Picture 2:

Mia carefully put the green jelly into bowls so she could share it with her friends. She looked at her bowl but realised that it did not have one of the chocolate frogs. Mia was disappointed because she had been looking forward to trying one of the chocolates. Tears began to roll down her face.

Picture 3:

When Dad saw that Mia was crying he asked her, “What’s wrong, darling?” She explained about missing out on a chocolate frog.

Picture 4:

Dad remembered that there were some extra chocolates in the fridge so he quickly got one and placed it in Mia’s bowl. When Mia saw the chocolate frog on her jelly she was happy and thanked Dad for such a delicious treat.

Story 8  A special treat

Picture 1:

Last weekend Daniel’s Dad took all of the family out to a restaurant for lunch. He told the children that it was a special treat to thank them all for being so well behaved.

Picture 2:

Daniel was really excited to order a burger but then he saw there were pieces of onion on it. Onion always made Daniel’s tummy feel sick so he didn’t know what to do. Daniel was disappointed that he could not eat the burger so just sat staring at it.

Picture 3:

Then Daniel turned to his Dad and said, “Dad, do you remember that onion can make me sick?” Dad said, “Just take off the onion and then you can eat the rest of the burger”.

Picture 4:

Daniel removed the onion and ate the burger quickly because it was delicious. He was happy that he could enjoy Dad’s surprise.
Story 9  A pile of leaves

Version A.

Picture 1.

One windy day Dad asked Zoe to rake up the leaves in the yard and put them in a big pile. When Zoe finished raking the leaf she looked at the gigantic pile. It looked so soft that she decided to jump into it. “This is fun!” she said to herself.

Picture 2:

Unfortunately Zoe had not noticed that there was a big sharp rock under the pile of leaves. When she jumped a second time she landed on the rock and hurt her leg. Zoe was upset to have landed on the rock.

Picture 3:

After a while Zoe looked at her leg and decided that it was just a bruise so went to put cold water on it.

Picture 4:

When her leg felt better Zoe went back out in the yard to play but stayed away from the leaves and the dangerous rock.

Story 10  Backyard cricket

Picture 1:

Last Sunday Jada was playing a game of cricket in the back yard with her big brother. Jada bowled very fast and hit the wickets behind her brother. The wickets fell over onto the ground.

Picture 2:

Jada’s brother was an excellent cricket player so he was used to being the best player in the game. He was furious that Jada’s ball had got past him so he threw his cricket bat on to the ground in front of him. He was being an extremely bad sport.

Picture 3:

Jada quietly said “I don’t think I want to play with you anymore if you are going to keep being a bad sport”. After a while her brother replied, “Sorry, I got upset with myself and I won’t do it anymore”.

Picture 4:

After her bother apologised, Jada happily played another exciting game of backyard cricket with him.
Story 11  No hat, no play

Picture 1:
One morning, Andrew, a forgetful boy, was in his bedroom getting dressed because it was time to go to school.

Picture 2:
When he was almost ready, Andrew realised that he couldn’t find his new school hat anywhere. Andrew was upset because he needed to wear his hat if he wanted to play outside at school.

Picture 3:
Then Andrew decided to ask his mother if she knew where his hat was. He politely asked his mother, “Do you know where my new school hat is?” His mother replied, “Yes, I think you left it on the kitchen table.” After Andrew’s mother reminded him where his hat was, he quickly put it on.

Picture 4:
When Andrew had finished dressing he put on his backpack and went outside ready to go to school. At break times he had fun playing with his friends on the oval.

Story 12  muddy footprints

Version A.

Picture 1:
On Tuesday afternoon when Kate left her school to walk home it had started pouring rain. Kate’s friend reminded her to be most careful when walking on the slippery paths.

Picture 2:
Kate was wearing her fabulous new yellow gumboots so she happily splashed through all the puddles on her way home. When she got home she didn’t see that her boots left dirty marks all over the kitchen floor. Her mother was most annoyed to see the muddy footprints all through the clean kitchen.

Picture 3:
She told Kate, “You need to clean up this dirty mess straight away”. Kate apologised for doing the wrong thing. She quickly went to the cupboard and took out the mop before she filled a bucket with water.

Picture 4:
After Kate finished cleaning the floor her mother was pleased because she had done an excellent job.
Story 13  Karen’s new pet

On the weekend Karen went for a walk down near the river. She heard a strange noise, then spotted a huge lizard sitting on a rock. Karen quickly went into the river and grabbed the lizard. Karen was excited to have caught the enormous reptile because she had always wanted a pet.

When Karen got home she found Mum to show her the lizard and hopefully asked, “Mum can I please keep this cute lizard as a pet?” Then Mum crossly said, “Karen, I have told you before that I do not want any animals in this house. Take that poor frightened lizard straight back to where you found it.”

So Karen sadly let the lizard go down at the river.

The lizard was happy to escape from the scary girl and happily ran back up onto the river bank.

Story 14  Tom’s train

Last week Tom was having lots of fun at home playing with his favourite train set. First he took the train tracks out of the box and placed them on the floor.

Then Tom started to sort through the carriages. But he carelessly dropped the train engine on the floor and one of the front wheels fell off. Tom, who loved his train set, was horrified that he had broken it.

Tom couldn’t fix it himself so he decided to asked Mum for help. Then Mum got out some super glue and carefully glued the wheel back into its correct position.

When the glue had dried Mum handed the mended train back to Tom and told him, “You need to be more careful with your toys”. Tom was excited to get back his train and gave Mum an enormous hug.
Story 15 Family fun

Picture 1:
Last night Henry and his sister were happily watching one of their favourite TV shows. Suddenly there was a deafening crack of thunder and flash of lightning.

Picture 2:
All the lights went out and the TV didn’t work anymore because the lightning had struck a power line. Henry was disappointed because he couldn’t keep on watching the fun TV show.

Picture 3:
Then Henry thought about what they could do in the dark and decided he would like to play a board game. Henry politely asked his family, “Would you all like to play a board game with me?” Henry found the candles then carefully put them on the table.

Picture 4:
When the candles were lit the family happily played a board game. Henry and his sister were amazed at how much fun it was for the whole family to play a game together.