

# Summer Book Club

## Arts & Crafts Activities

Incorporating arts and crafts activities into reading can enhance reading comprehension and make it a more interactive and engaging experience for children. Here are some suggested arts and crafts activities to support reading and reading comprehension:

- Create a bookmark: Help your child make personalised bookmarks featuring characters, scenes, or quotes from their favourite books. Using these bookmarks while reading will reinforce their connection to the story.
- Design book covers: Encourage your child to design their own book covers for their favourite books. They can illustrate key scenes or characters. This helps them connect with the book's content
- Make character puppets: Choose a book with well-defined characters and have your child create puppets of those characters. They can use paper bags, socks, or craft sticks as the base and decorate them with markers, yarn, fabric, and other materials. Encourage your child to reenact scenes or create new stories with their puppets.
- Design a story timeline: Help your child create a timeline of events from a book they've read. They can draw or write key events on a long sheet of paper or use index cards and string them together. This activity helps reinforce the sequence of events and aids in understanding the story's structure.
- Make story collages: Provide magazines, newspapers, or printed images related to the book your child is reading. They can cut out pictures or words that represent important elements of the story and then arrange and glue these onto a poster board or paper to create a visual representation of the story.
- Create character masks or hats: your child can choose a character from a book and create a mask or hat that represents that character's traits or attributes. They can use paper plates or card. Encourage them to explain the character's personality and role in the story.
- Build a book-inspired mobile: After reading a book, create a mobile featuring key elements or symbols from the story. This activity encourages them to reflect on important themes and symbols while improving fine motor skills.
- Create a story map or setting model: Help your child visually represent the story's setting by creating a map or a three-dimensional model. This activity helps children develop spatial understanding and reinforces story comprehension.

These arts and crafts activities can deepen your child's understanding of stories, characters, and themes, while also nurturing their creativity and artistic skills. They provide a hands-on and interactive approach to reading comprehension, making it a fun and memorable experience.

