

# **Multi Sensory Storytelling (MSST)**

## **General information**

- It's in the first place about 'feeling the story', more then about (partially) understanding the story.
- Methodology: stories are told to appeal the senses as much as possible and as taillored made. Soo the stories can be experienced, felt.
- Reading is an active process. It's about the interaction between the reader and the listener.

#### Goals

- Having fun
- Being together
- Contact, interaction
- Experiencing sensory input
- Retain individuality (to distinguish themself from the others)

## What should be taking into account?

- 1. Content of the story
  - Try to personalize (what's important for the person, real experience,...)
  - Focus on positive experience (what does the person likes?)
- 2. Form of the story
  - Short (4-6 minutes; 6-8 sentences)
  - Used language is easy
  - Call person by name
  - Story should be recognizable
  - Need for a clear end
  - 1-to-1 interaction
- 3. Presentation of the story
  - Show the story box clearly at the beginning of the story
  - Every sentence of the story is linked with a stimulus. It illustrates what's told, draws the attention, invites to explore. It can be adapted to the possibilities and interests of the person.
- 4. Narrator
  - Be prepared
  - Good intonation, adapted speech volume, right atmosphere
  - Dare to take enough time to explore a stimulus: give enough time to let the stimulus be recorded and react after that.
- 5. Practical
  - Preperation takes time!

### More information

www.pamis.org.uk

www.bagbooks.org/books.html

www.multiplus.be/storytelling.php