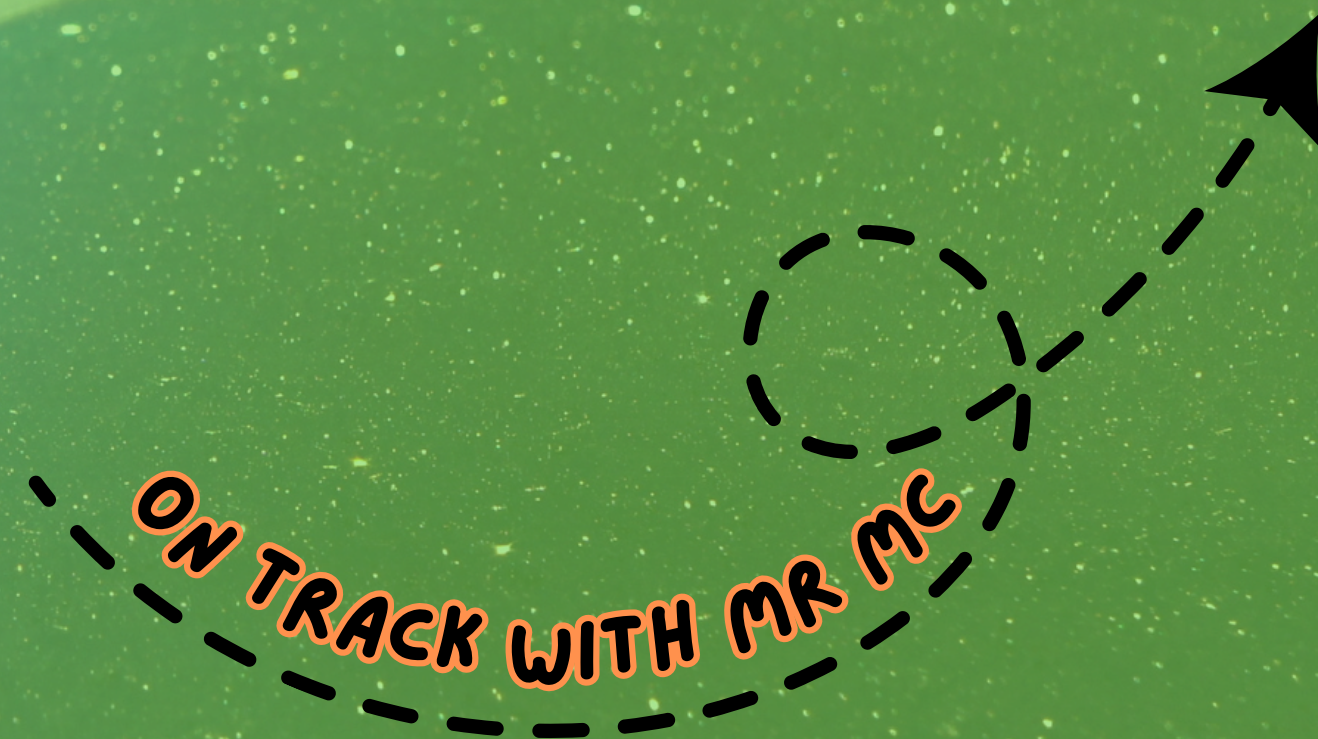
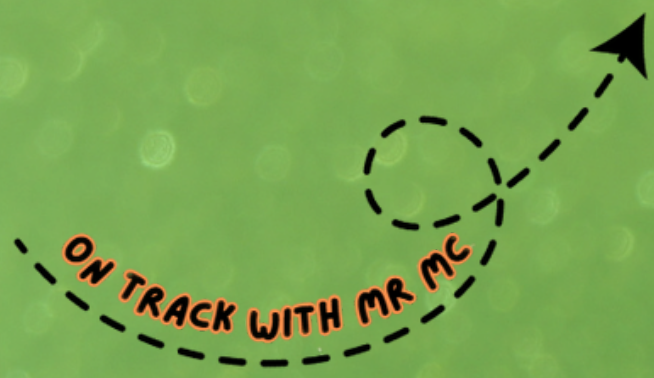


BOOK CORNERS

CREATING AMAZING LITTLE
READING SPACES FOR OUR
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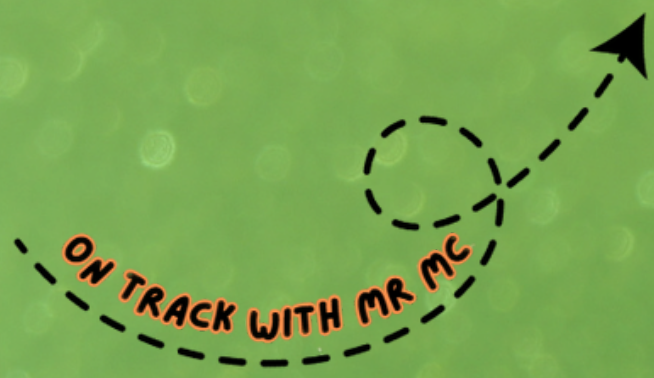




WHY A GREAT BOOK CORNER MATTERS

- Encourages a love of reading from an early age.
- Develops vocabulary and storytelling skills.
- Provides a quiet, comforting space for children.
- Supports independent learning and imagination.
- Links to all areas of the EYFS curriculum, including communication and language.





DESIGNING AN INVITING BOOK CORNER

Make your book corner a space that draws children in.... Consider:

- **Location:** Choose a quiet, cozy area away from busy parts of the classroom.
- **Comfort:** Add soft cushions, rugs, and seating to create a welcoming space.
- **Lighting:** Use warm, inviting lighting or fairy lights to make the space feel special.
- **Shelving & Display:** Use front-facing bookshelves so children can see book covers. I LOVE using pallets!!
- **Variety:** Offer a mix of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and picture books. DO NOT over pack the books, this isn't TKMAXX! lol.
- **Personal Touches:** Add children's book reviews, photos of them reading, or book-related artwork.



CURATING THE BEST BOOK COLLECTION

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Ensure your book corner includes:

- Diverse and inclusive books reflecting different cultures, abilities, and family structures.
- A mix of classic and new stories to keep children engaged.
- Books linked to current themes, seasons, and topics being explored in class.
- Interactive books such as lift-the-flap, touch-and-feel, or wordless books to promote engagement.
- Story sacks and props to bring stories to life.

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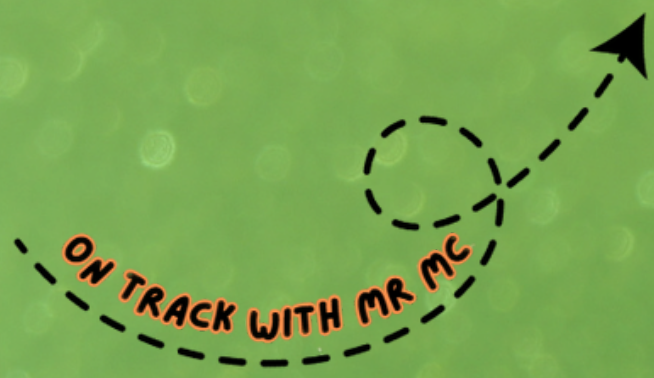
MAKING BOOKS ACCESSIBLE AND ENGAGING

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Simple ways to do this... again we don't want it to become visually cluttered...

- You could find ways to label shelves with pictures to/ widgets encourage independent choice.
- Rotate books regularly to maintain interest.
- Create themed baskets (e.g., 'Transport Books,' 'Animal Stories,' 'Feelings and Emotions').
- Include puppets, small-world characters, or story stones to support storytelling.
- Add QR codes linking to audiobooks or videos of books being read aloud.

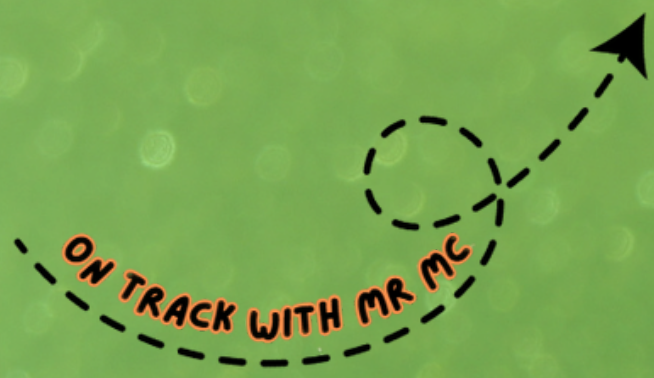




ENCOURAGING STORYTELLING AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

- Have a 'Storytelling Bag' with props to encourage oral storytelling.
- Use story sequencing cards to help children retell familiar tales.
- Encourage children to make their own books and add them to the book corner.
- Provide voice recorders or tablets for children to record their own stories.
- Display key vocabulary (maybe on little key rings in story pots .. find ways to declutter visusal mess) and sentence starters to support language development.





INVOLVING CHILDREN IN THEIR BOOK CORNER

- Let the children help set up and arrange the space.
- Have a 'Book of the Week' chosen by a child.
- Encourage children to recommend books to each other.
- Invite parents to contribute favorite books from home.



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