How to...Use a Story Planner

What is a story planner?
A visual tool to support the generation of ideas and provide structure for a story.

1. Explain
Explain all the parts that make up the story.

2. What can they do already?
Fill in each step using the story plan.

3. Have they missed anything out?
Identify missing information using…
- Story banks, pictures and photos
- Word banks
- Prompting them to think about other familiar stories for ideas.

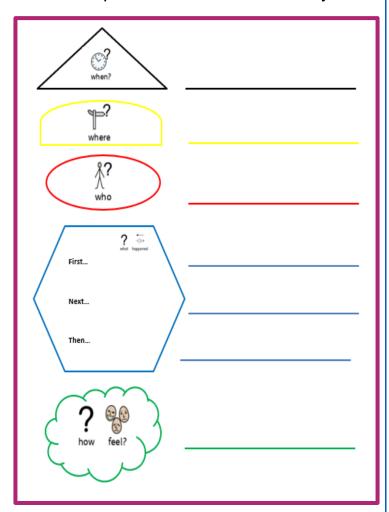### 4. Check the problem and solution
Support by:
- Drawing these parts of the story to support them to visualise the sequence of events.
- Cut out the sequence for them to order correctly.
- If they miss a step, add a blank section for them to draw in.

5. Add target vocabulary
You could add:
- Story connectives and conjunctions
- Adjectives
- Metaphors or similes

when?

where

who

what happened
First…
Next…
Then…

how feel?

6. Encourage them to tell their story
- Support them to verbally tell their story (e.g. pointing to prompt or ticking parts they have said).
- Give positive feedback.
- Share story ideas with other peers and family.
- Practise using different themes.

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