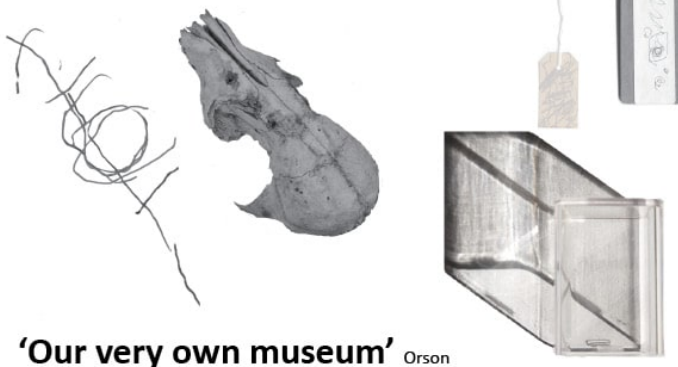




Story Museum

The place where stories and their objects come to rest, waiting to be found again.



'Our very own museum' Orson



'They will grow in a giant way when we put them in the museum' Adam

In September 2014 we began a focus on Storying as a language of expression, across the whole nursery.

We recognised that children use stories for many reasons: to develop their play and investigations, to begin conversations and construct imaginary worlds, to explore physical environments and emotional experiences. So we began by listening for the stories children tell in their everyday explorations.

The more we listened to their stories, the more there was to hear. We heard beginnings of stories, middles, ends. Sometimes children stopped what they were doing to tell a story, most of the time stories were part of their play, passed from one child to another, picked up, adapted, relaunched into the world.

A *fantastical collection* of stories has grown: there are written stories, illustrations, objects that provoke stories and about which tales are still being told. There are spoken stories, silent stories, sentences looking for stories, words that already sound just right.

The **Museum of Stories** is where some of these have come to rest. Look in the tiny bottles and see stories curled inside. Read the tags around the wall and catch a glimpse of a story as it flies by. Find *skull* stories, *number* stories, *'tiny seeing machine'* stories, *rocket* stories, stories of sounds & smells, stories you can taste. Maybe **EVERY** story in the world is in there. Maybe new ones are still hatching.

