Symbol Supported Stories

Symbol supported stories are adapted stories that use symbols/pictures to support reading and understanding of key words within text.

- A symbol is a pictorial representation of an object/person/concept. Symbols are typically standardised so they can be used in schools across Greenwich.
- Key words are those which are the most important information bearing ones, and those which tend to be most easily represented graphically by symbols. They generally include nouns, some verbs and adjectives.

For example:

At the seaside, when it was
time to board the boat, Billy
took the first chance he got to
dash off and join his friends.

STEPS support schools to create symbol supported stories including fairy tales, popular stories and stories linked to the curriculum (for all year groups). Please see the links below for some examples:

