

Magical Story-teller in Edgemean

When children are exposed to the magical world of stories they are never alone. Lesley Potgieter, a mother of two boys, stays in Edgemean and runs never-ending stories.

"I have a passion for language," she says "and I try to encourage children to be more imaginative and to enjoy the language."

Story-telling by Lesley is an adventure. Her story-telling corner is decked out with cushions, chairs and the most amazing characters. When Lesley puts her hat on and begins the story, children will be introduced to the likes of Martha Mouse, Eager Emily and Timmer Timothy.

Although Lesley is a qualified teacher, she insists she does not teach the children. She gives them activities to do and they cut and

paste, but the 45 minute session is all about story-telling.

Lesley has a vivid imagination and spurns out story after story. Aimed at ages 2 to 7, there are no more than 5 children per session. "This helps us to interact with the characters and each other," she explained.

Never-ending Stories is a place where parents and their children can come and share a special time together while they develop a love of books and reading from an early age.

"During the workshops we sing songs, read stories and do activities related to the stories," she said.

To further strengthen children's love for stories she has written a selection of stories that have been professionally recorded onto CD. Each story is approximately 20 minutes long with questions at the end of each one. The CD is being aired on Radio Atlantis for the second time.

"I started these stories with my own two children 4 years ago," Lesley explained, "and it has never stopped. I feel it is important for children to use their imagination to stimulate their thinking and to improve their listening skills."

To find out more about the story-telling sessions, contact Lesley on 021 558 8820.

