

CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Creative activities to support our series of Bear books.



ACTIVITY 1 - SALT DOUGH BEARS

use a tray or half a cereal box. Create a textured background using lentils, pasta and rice. Create salt dough figures to complete your picture
Discuss what the bears are doing. What are they saying to each other? How do they feel?



ACTIVITY 2 - FEEL THE MOVEMENT

Select images from any of the stories. Ask children to freeze frame a movement for their choice of character. Ask them to change their freeze frame as the image changes. Combine poses into a sequence of movements. Music could then be added.

ACTIVITY 3 - BIRD OPERA SOUND STORY

Visit our website and click on the link to the bird opera. Listen to the different sounds. How many can you hear? Children could then draw as they listen to create a sound story. Extend to a sound walk around the schools grounds.

ACTIVITY 3 - PRINTING WORRY BUBBLES

Collect a selection of containers with circular opening. Dip the containers in paint and use them to print bubble. encourage children to think about and discuss their worries and how they could put them in bubbles and blow them away.



ACTIVITY 4 - DRAW A BEAR

Visit our website www.llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk Click on the video link. Watch as the artist Sal Stewart Davis talks you through how to draw your own bear.

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ACTIVITY 5 - CREATE A COLLAGE

Select images from the book and discuss the different techniques. Sal uses brown paper as her background. She uses a variety of materials to create the pictures including pieces of patterned paper, cutouts from magazines and patterned fabric. She also uses stamps to write key words and messages. Sal sometimes uses black and white for a contrasting effect and at other times vibrant bright colours for the background. Can you experiment with some of the techniques and add some pages to the books?

ACTIVITY 6 - GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD

Go on a nature hunt. Take photographs of "beauty" in nature. Children may also like to bring in/email/upload to Hwb photographs from home. This could be from a walk, a daytrip or from their garden. A digital collage or a display collage of God's wonderful world could then be made. A working wall approach could be taken with pictures added throughout the term. Post it notes of words or thoughts could extend the activity.

ACTIVITY 7 - COLOURING

A quiet, calm time for colouring with some background music can be really helpful following a discussion around emotions. Having some time to process feelings is important for children. Using simple activities like this can also be helpful for 1:1 discussions where children feel anxious to talk directly to an adult. A side by side approach can often encourage discussion. See our website for simple colouring activities linked to the books.

All resources are available on our website

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