

Teachers' Treasures

Resources from the Story Treasures schools' programme

Term One Resources:

A delightful little stroll down memory lane, showcasing our favourite games and activities from the term to incorporate into your toolkit!

Warm Ups

Warm-up activities are great for getting the group energised, focused, and ready to have fun and be creative together! A good warm-up activity can help them feel more comfortable and excited to participate!

Stop, Go

An exercise to turn our listening ears on by following simple instructions such as 'go', 'stop', 'jump', and 'clap' whilst walking around the space as different characters and in different styles. Maybe you will wade through honey, dance like a ballerina, or skip through the forest! To make it tricky and more fun, why not mix up the instructions and do the opposite, so that 'clap' means 'jump' and 'jump' means 'clap'.

Great for:

**Following instructions * Listening skills * Awareness of body and movement
Character work * Using imagination * Being present and focused**

Checking the shelves

Warm up the body by looking for our lost item on the shelves of our imaginary cupboard, but be careful of the jars without lids on the top shelf, they might be full of honey, feathers and other goo-like substances! It might need some active movement to get yourselves cleaned up!

Great for:

Physical Warm-up * Using imagination * Following instructions

Bowling ball

Get active in a circle by jumping over the imaginary ball one by one as it rolls across the floor! Get ready to adjust the size of your jump as the object changes from a tennis ball to a heavy bowling ball to avoid it rolling over your toes!

Great for:

**Physical Warm-up * Co-ordination * Following instructions * Turn-taking
Using imagination**

Top tip!
Get
Creative!

All these games can be rethemed for any topic! Use the basic idea to create your own to enliven a dry topic!

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Activities

Can I stay at your house?



Working in smaller groups, we split off to become 4 different houses. You can even choose the type of house that you are living in. Maybe it is a mansion, a log cabin or a caravan! When the leader goes around to each house and asks, 'Can I stay at your house?', each group have to reply together, 'No, try next door'. To make it even more creative, the leader will ask the same question but in different ways, perhaps as a robot or by whispering or laughing uncontrollably, and it is the job of each house to reply, 'No, try next door' in exactly the same style as the leader!

This activity helps with using imagination, expressing emotions, developing empathy skills, listening and responding, and teamwork.

Picture cards

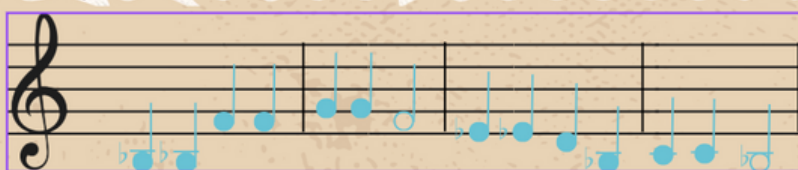


We take it in turns to create clues to help the teacher guess the picture on the card. We can see the image but the teacher can't! If the card is a bus, we have to think about how we might describe it without saying the word. For example, 'it has wheels' or, 'people use it to travel to different places'.

This activity helps develop descriptive language, increase vocabulary, enhance skills in communication & interaction, and turn-taking.

Story Suitcase

We use the 'Story Suitcase' activity as a structure for exploring new topics through stories. The song at the start gives the children an audio cue to get ready to settle down for the story and to engage with what's in the suitcase. The song also ends the activity as the cue that sitting and listening time is coming to an end! The song builds excitement and intrigue and the children soon pick it up and join in too!



Sto - ry suit-case op-en wide, time to see what is in-side

In our Story Suitcase this term...

The Bog Baby by Jeanne Willis & Gwen Millward (Puffin, 2008)

A tale of animals living in their own habitat.

There's a Tiger in the Garden (Frances Lincoln Children's Books, 2017)

A story of opening up your imagination.



**Thank you and well done to you all for a fabulous term!
It has been lovely working with you all so far - both students
and staff! We look forward to the New Year for more games,
exercises and Story Suitcase adventures!**