



CREATE 1



IN ASSOCIATION WITH



WORLD
BOOK
DAY

ACTIVITY SUMMARY:

Create the world of a book in a storybox

INGREDIENTS:

- Shoe boxes
- Decorative and junk materials
- Drawing materials
- Small figures or characters can be found or made
- Favourite picture books

TIME:

An afternoon

METHOD:

1. Gather and organise the materials with the children.
2. Read a book which at least one strong setting for the children to imagine and visualise.
3. Encourage the children to agree on the setting from the book that they will create inside the box.
4. Ask pairs to make a plan and gather resources they need.
5. Giving question prompts may help the children to visualise their end product. *How will the box look on the outside? Will it provide a clue to the scene inside?*
6. Ask pairs or groups of children to collaborate to create their storybox world.
7. Give the children time to play with their storybox world, re-enacting events from the book or creating new scenes or stories.

EYFS / NATIONAL CURRICULUM 2014:

- Develop own narratives by connecting ideas or events.
- Use spoken language to develop vocabulary, understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas.

SUGGESTED RESOURCES:

EYFS:

- *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak (RED FOX)
- *Biscuit Bear* by Mini Grey (RED FOX)

YEAR 1/2:

- *Where Bear?* by Sophy Henn (PUFFIN)
- *Emily Brown and the Thing* by Cressida Cowell and Neal Layton (ORCHARD)

YEAR 3/4:

- *Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book* by Lauren Child (ORCHARD)
- *Goth Girl and the Ghost of a Mouse* by Chris Riddell (MACMILLAN)

YEAR 5/6:

- *The Borrowers* by Mary Norton (PUFFIN)
- *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell Boyce (MACMILLAN)

CASE STUDY

1. This reception class recreated the circus scene from *Biscuit Bear* by Mini Grey, making salt dough characters and decorating with ribbon streamers. They found small toys and puppets to represent other characters.
2. This Year 5 child recreated the water fight on the moon scene from *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell Boyce as a home learning task whilst working with the book in class.

