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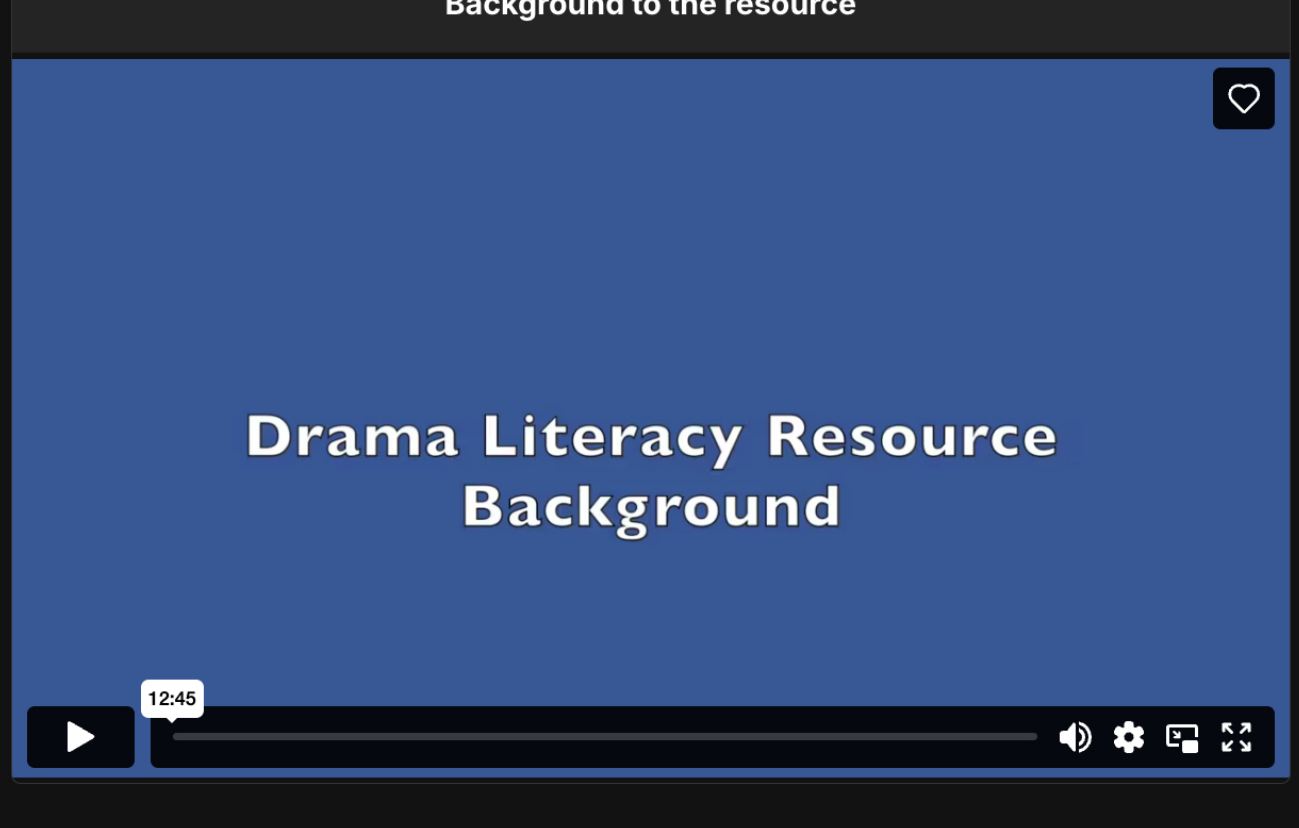
Background to the resource



Using the resource

New Drama Literacy Video Tutorials

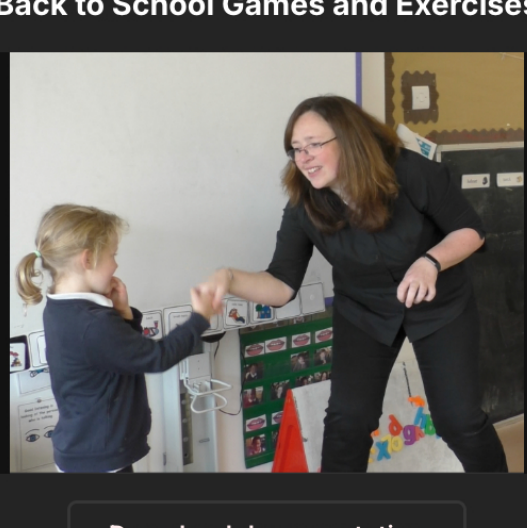
Learn more about various aspects of this resource with some new videos we have added by clicking on the button below.

Drama Literacy Video Tutorials

Classroom Games

Played regularly, these fun and inclusive games can have a beneficial effect on student behaviour, greatly improve their ability to work together and show consideration towards others.

Back to School Games and Exercises



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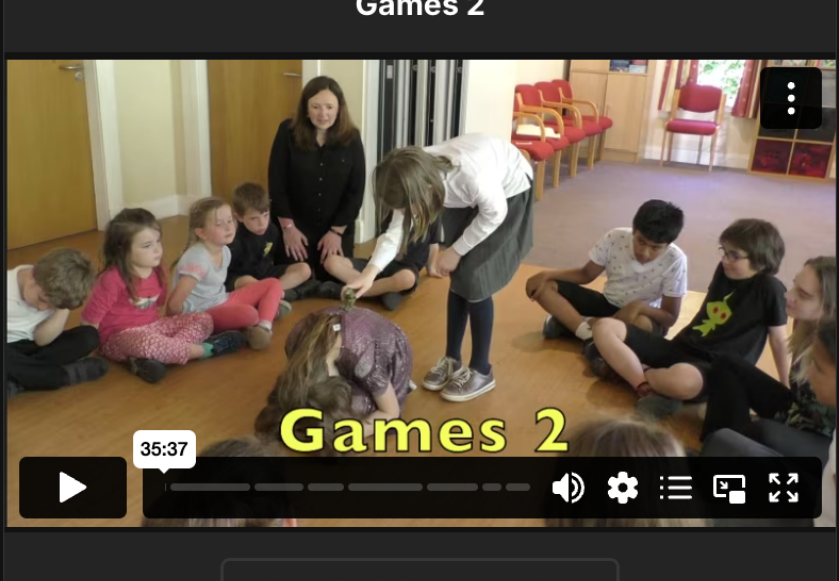
Games 2



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The Teaching Video Lessons – Key to Success

Consistently exposing your students to the format, reinforcing their interactive skills and making sure the Literacy elements are always **EMBEDS** and not simply add-ons is key, even when a writing task is at the end of the Drama Lesson.

By allowing them to **re-engage with the interactive learning elements**, reading aloud written work with a partner/to the class, you are effectively extending the Literacy back into presentation which is a DRAMA SKILL and another performance opportunity.

The students then see Literacy tasks not simply as an Add-On but an intergral part of the lessons and it is this aspect that propels the Literacy motivation and success.

IN SUMMARY THE FORMAT IS DRAMA > EMBED LITERACY>SHARE/PRESENT DRAMA

It is strongly advised that you watch the videos yourself and read over the documentation before presenting them to your class so that you are fully prepared for the lesson organisation.

Be sure to build in time for the Literacy aspects of the lessons.

Please email us for any help or if you have questions. Good luck.

**** If you have any suggestions for content/topics for future videos please let us know detailing the stage that you teach. ****

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Grandpa Tom Feedback

Grandpa Tom – At the Farm

Grandpa Tom At The Farm
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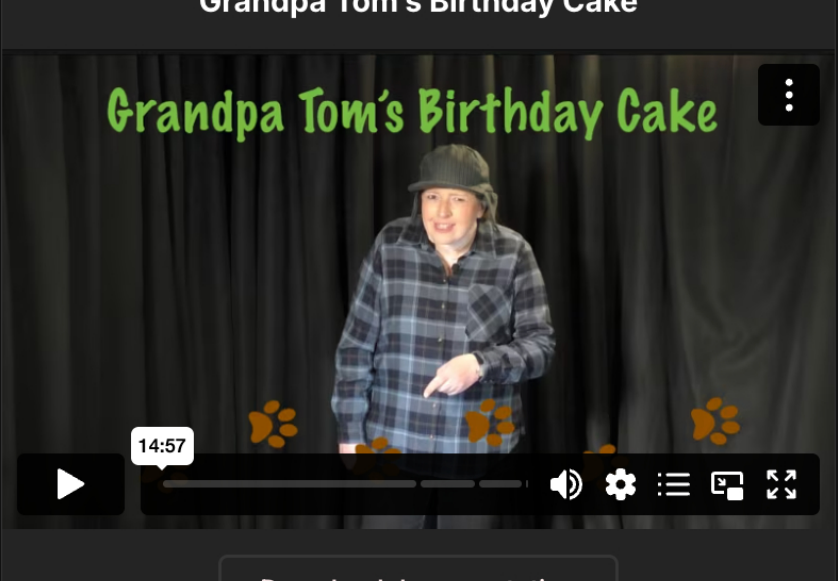
Grandpa Tom's Birthday Cake



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Grandpa Tom Soup-er Hero

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Grandpa Tom On The Moon

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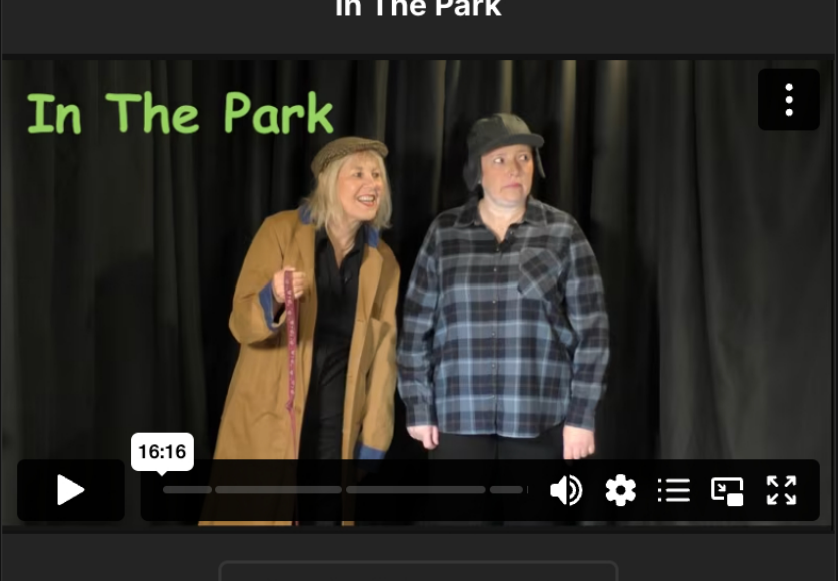
In The Park



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Primary 2 Overview Module 1

At The Beach

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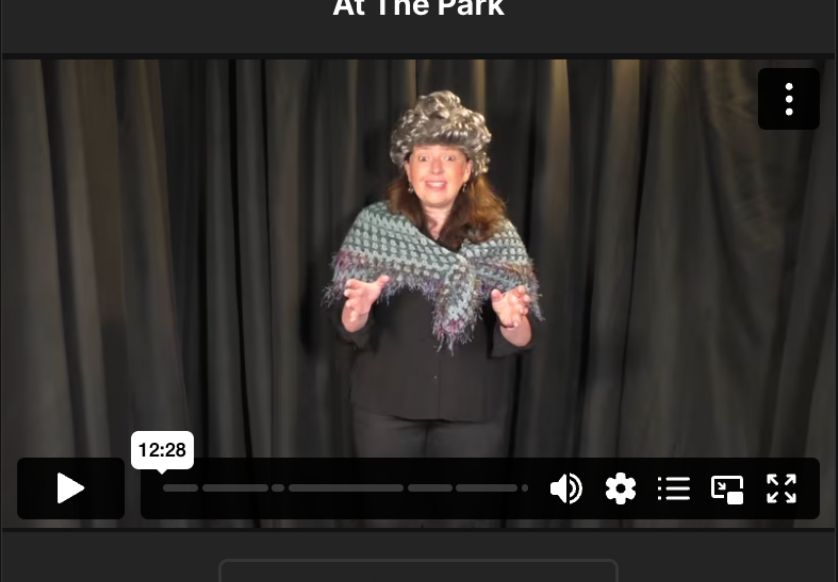
At The Park



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At The Circus

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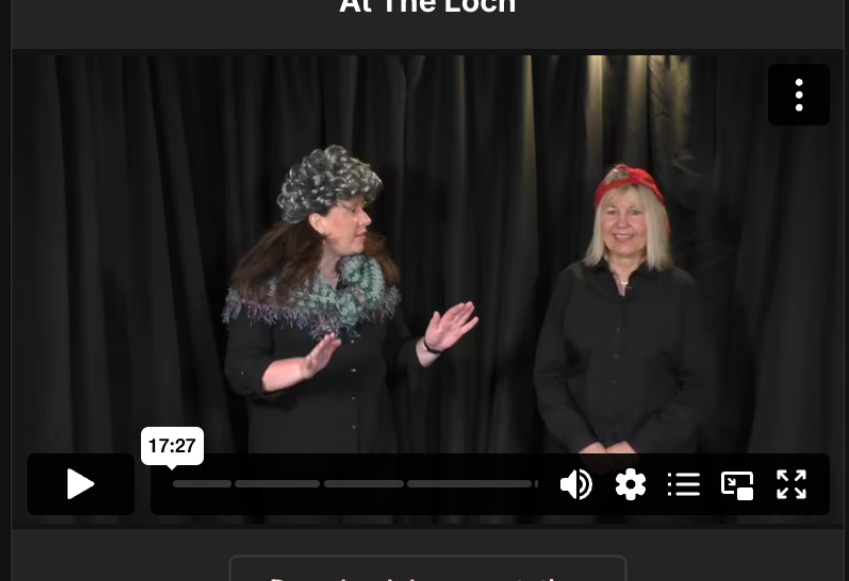
At The Loch



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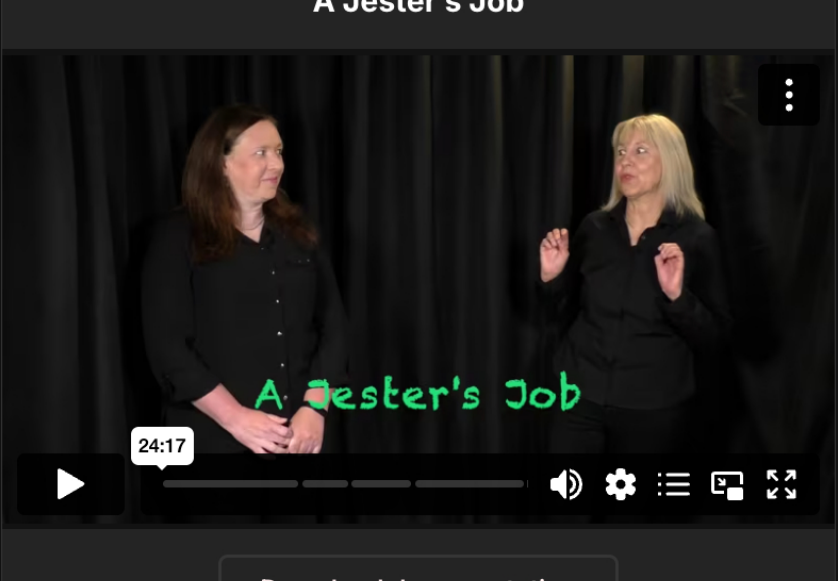

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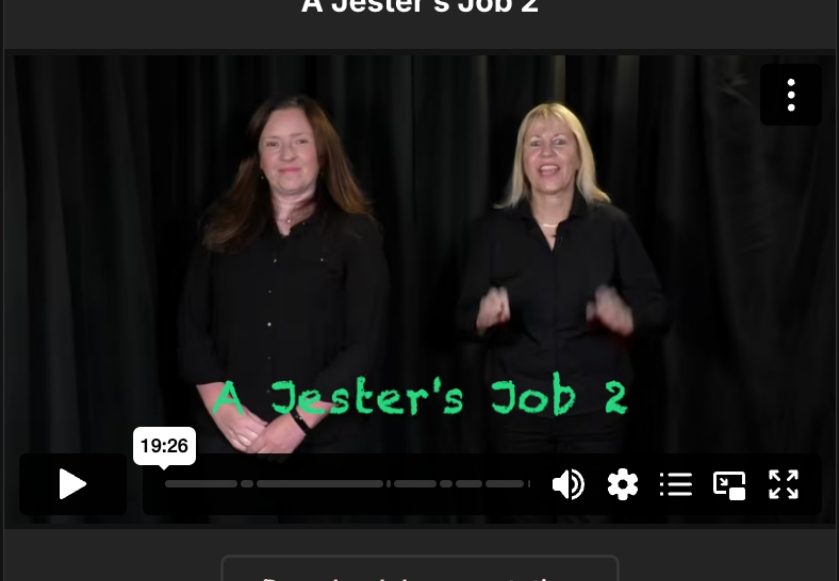

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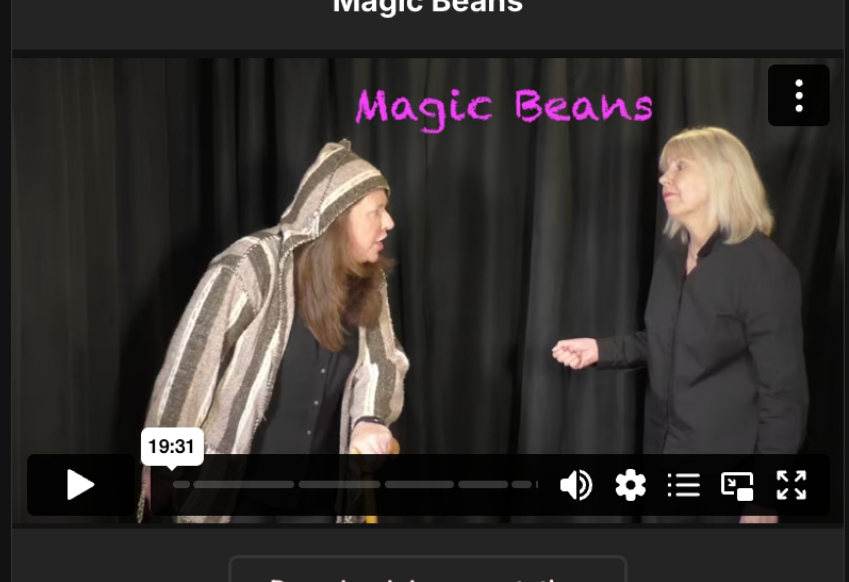
Magic Beans



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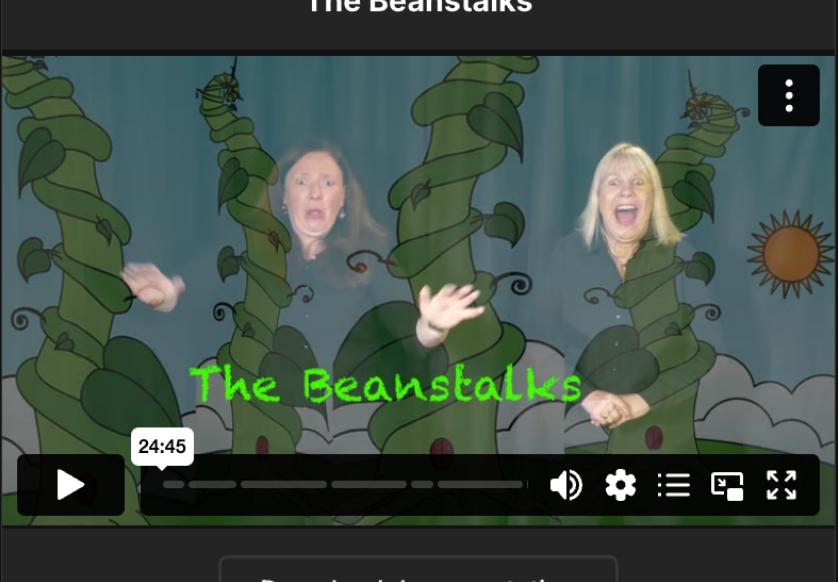

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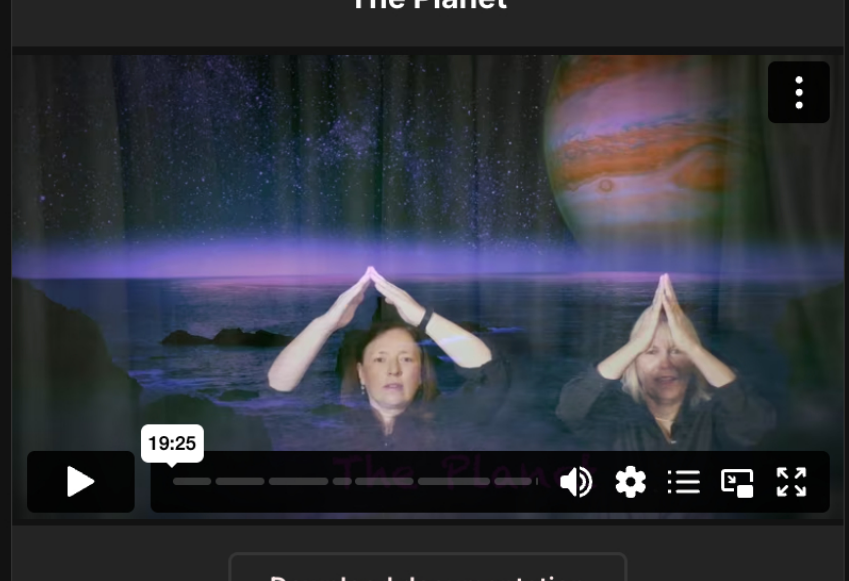

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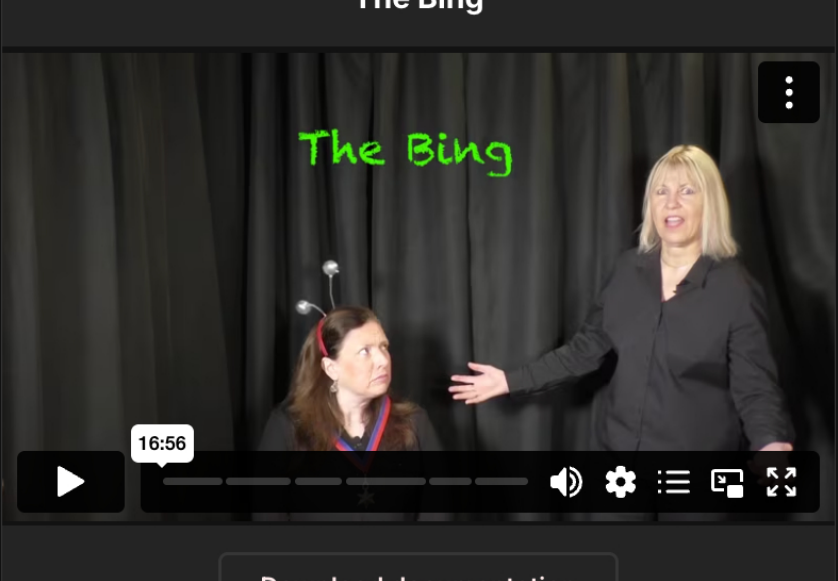

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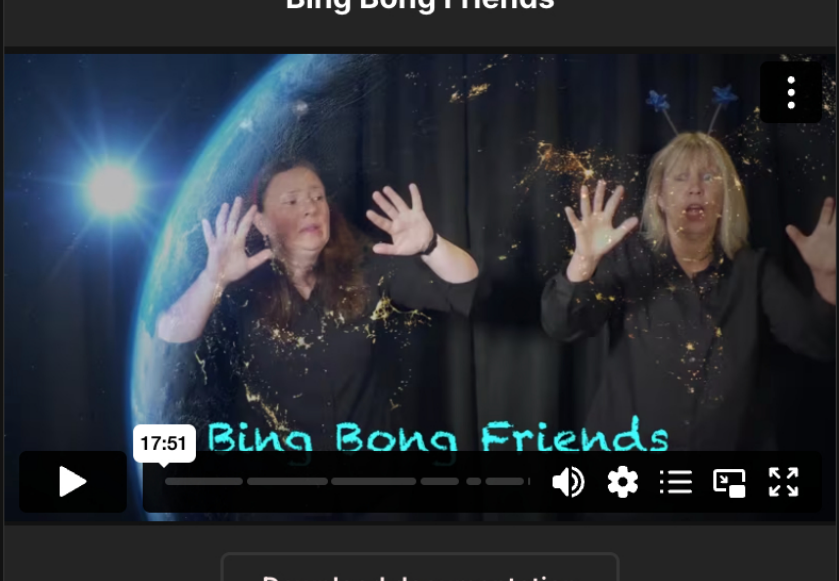

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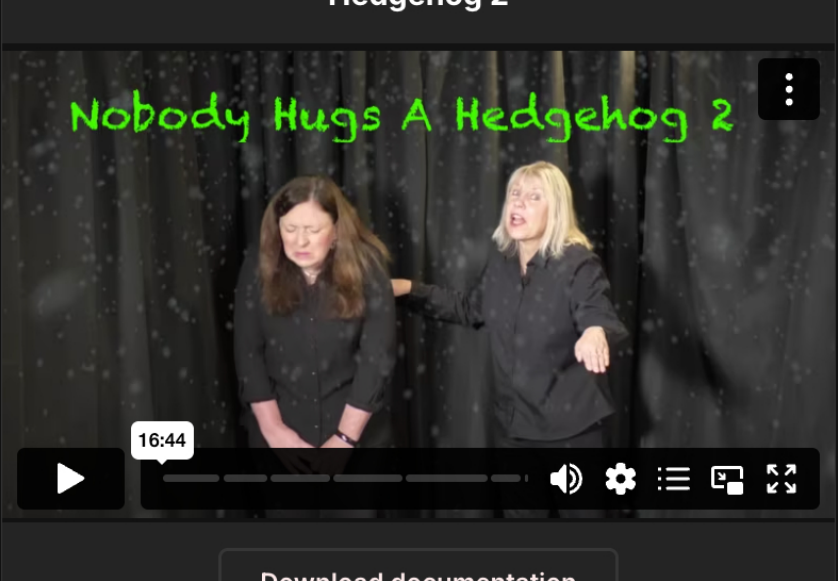

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Bugs and Butterflies

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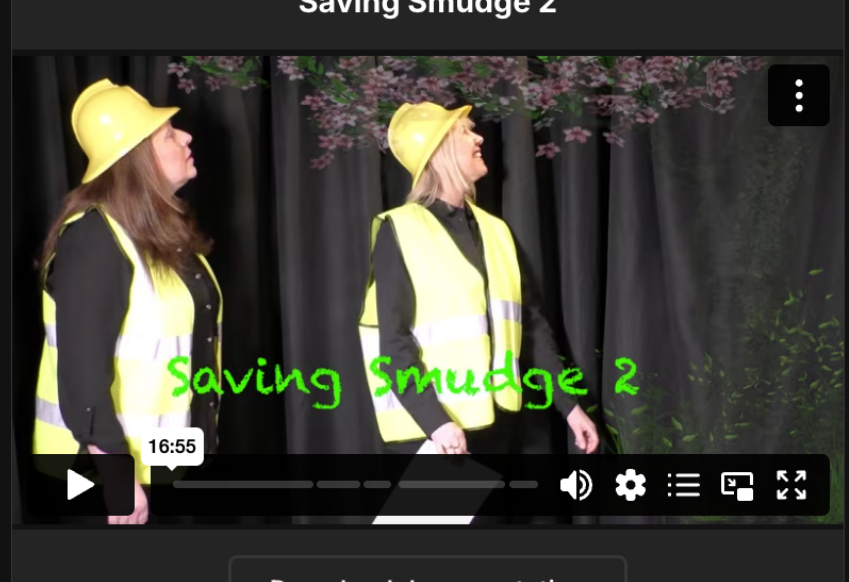

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The Magic Paint Pot

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Spelling Games

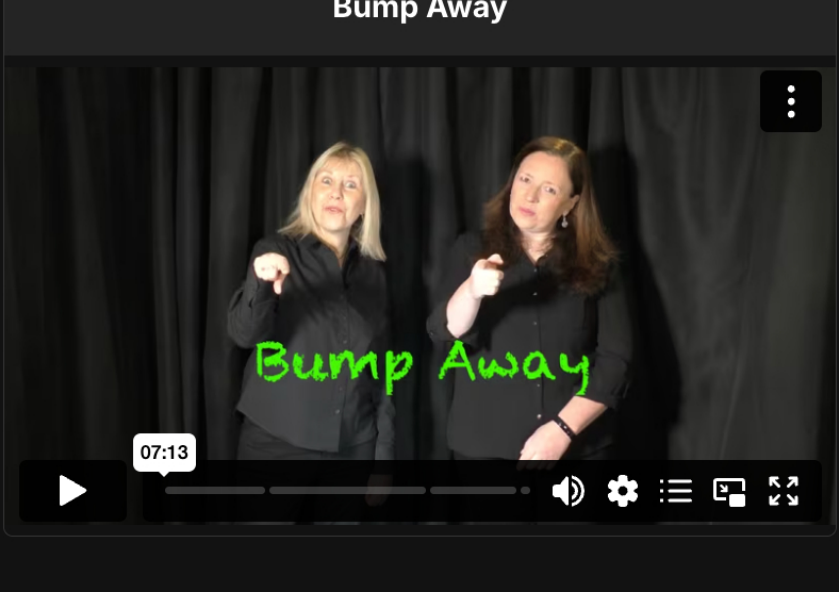
These are fun, classroom games that support teaching spelling. Spelling words can be chosen from your spelling lists or from the children themselves and you can easily ensure that these match the abilities of your students where appropriate and also challenge able spellers.

Arm Spelling is suitable for all ages while Spelling Popcorn and Bump Away are more suitable for P3 upwards

Arm Spelling

Spelling Popcorn

Bump Away



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Olympic Lessons

Fun and at times amusing lessons suitable for Middle and Upper Primary but younger children would be able to take part in most of the activities with teacher support.

The Olympics

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The Olympics 2

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Hallowe'en

Primary 4 teachers can choose from either video depending on the interest and ability of their students.

The Pumpkin Patch – suitable for lower/middle primary (P2-P4)

The Pumpkin Patch

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The Pumpkin Patch 2

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Christmas Videos & Activities

Download our Christmas Activities document

Below are our two new, fun Christmas videos, most suitable for Primary 3 + but could certainly be shown to younger children and with teacher support, learners could enact the scenes and play with the stories.

We suggest that if you are going to do both of these lessons that you start with Santa Is Fined as it contains a good mime Drama game that you could play again as a warm-up for Where Is Santa ? You could actually link the two lessons as detailed in the documentation.

Documentation is under each video and the dotted timeline allows you to skip back and forward to the video sections. A brief scenario is also included.

Hope you and your students have fun with these videos.

Happy Christmas from us.

Julie and Louise

Santa is Fined

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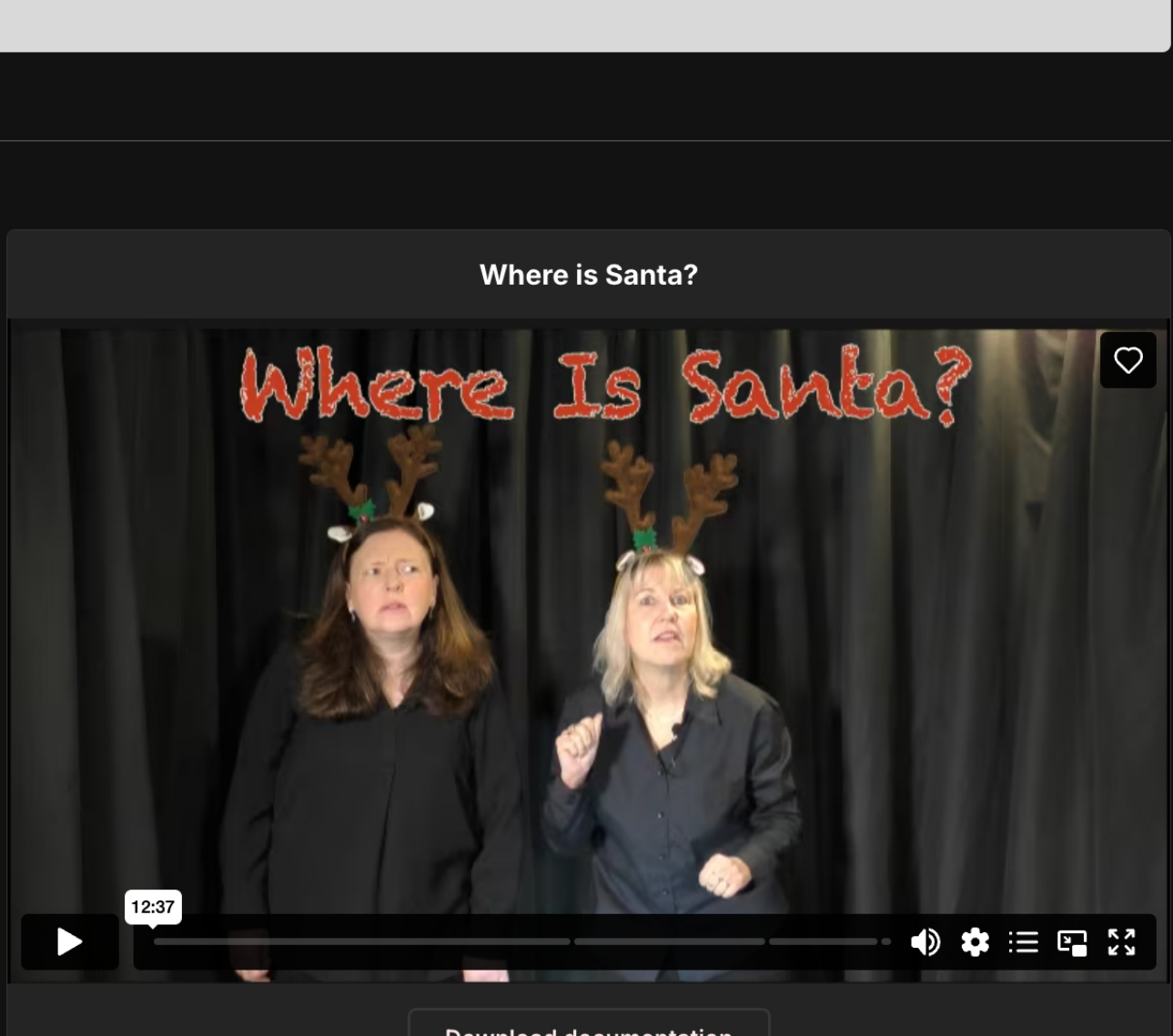
Where is Santa?



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Santa Is Fined Scenario

Santa is about to set off on Christmas Eve but there's a problem ... Ali Scott age 9 from Stromness in the Isles of Orkney wants a scooter and those elves have forgotten to make one. Never mind it's still early so Santa reckons he could pop into a scooter shop en route and pick one up. The reindeer feel very unsure about this solution but hey Santa is in charge and after setting off they are told to look out for a town with shops.

Santa sees one (actually Inverness) and better still a nice parking spot for the sleigh right outside the scooter shop. He pops into the shop leaving the reindeer looking around very anxiously at curious shoppers staring at them – then a Traffic Warden arrives – oh dear or is it oh deer?

Learners enact and then finish the story.

Where Is Santa? Scenario

If you've done the Santa Is Fined story then the rooftop in this story could belong to Ali Scott, age 9, Stromness, Isles of Orkney!

The reindeer are waiting on a rooftop beside a chimney for Santa to return from a present drop but he's taken a long time. They do some investigating – peering down the chimney, through the letterbox/cat flap but nothing can be seen and then they hear something – munching, glugging, a loud burp, voices – he's in the house already but there's a drama going on – what can it be?

Learners enact and then finish the story.

The Magical Snowmen

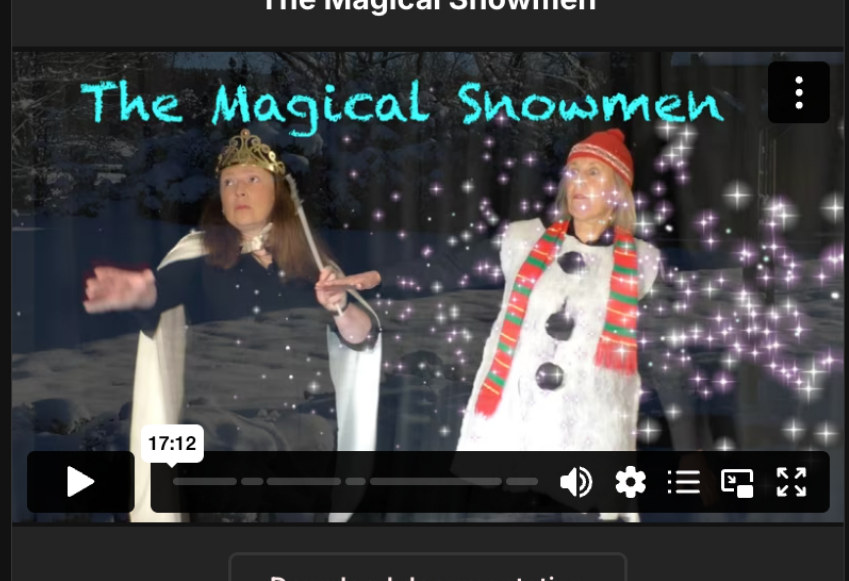
Most suitable for P2-P4 with further links to topics such as Climate Change /Pollution/ Global Warming. Would work well as a Winter/Christmas Play.

Lesson overview for the Magical Snowmen

Documentation for Direction

> "My class have absolutely loved the Magical Snowmen drama. It tied in very well with our climate change project and I have seen some great writing from the children too based on the drama lessons. They have all been so motivated to write and it has been lovely to see. Their confidence has also grown greatly and they have been keen to perform their drama, give appropriate feedback and read their writing out to each other."
>
> **Rachel Finlayson with P5 at Pirniehall PS Edinburgh**

The Magical Snowmen



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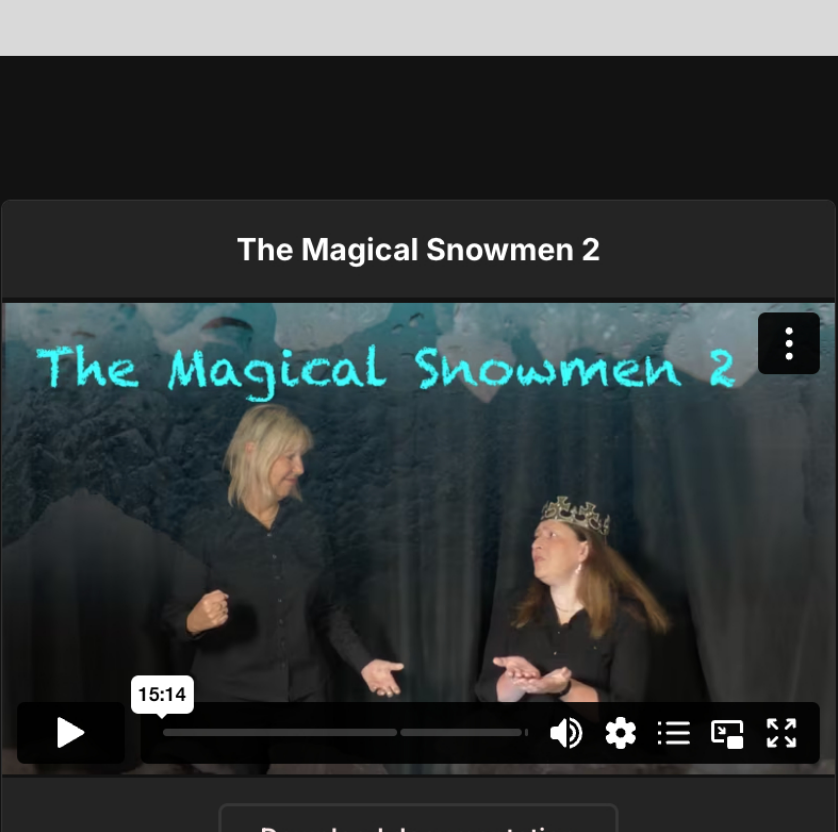

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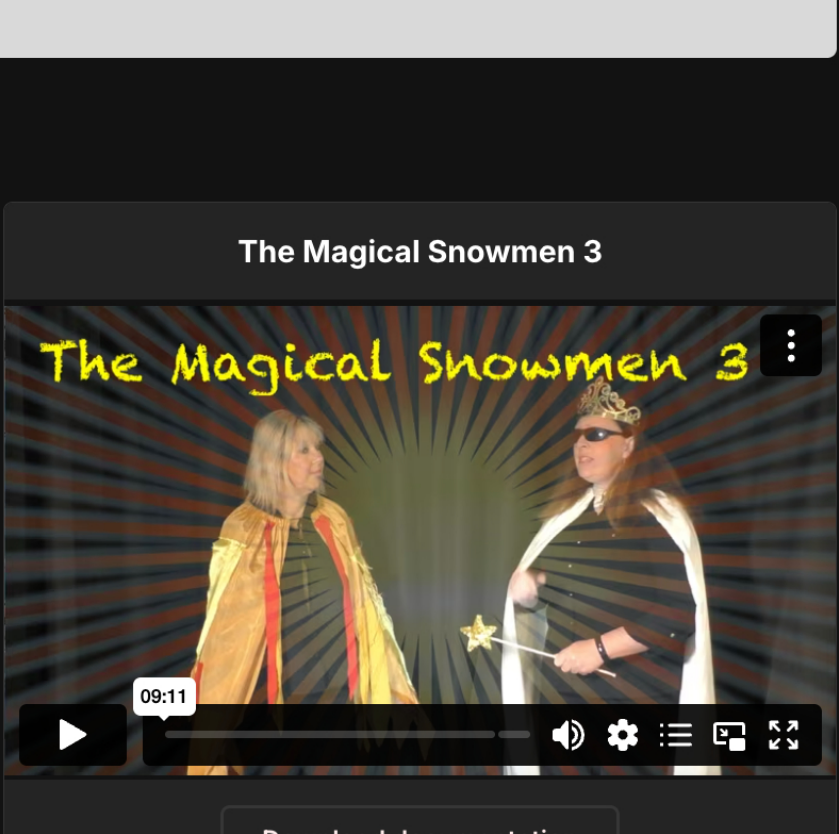

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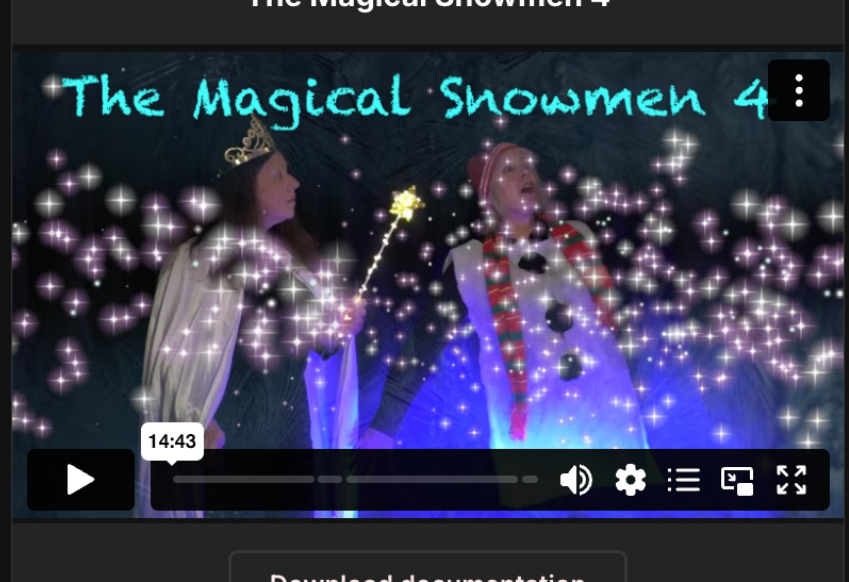

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The Magical Snowmen 5

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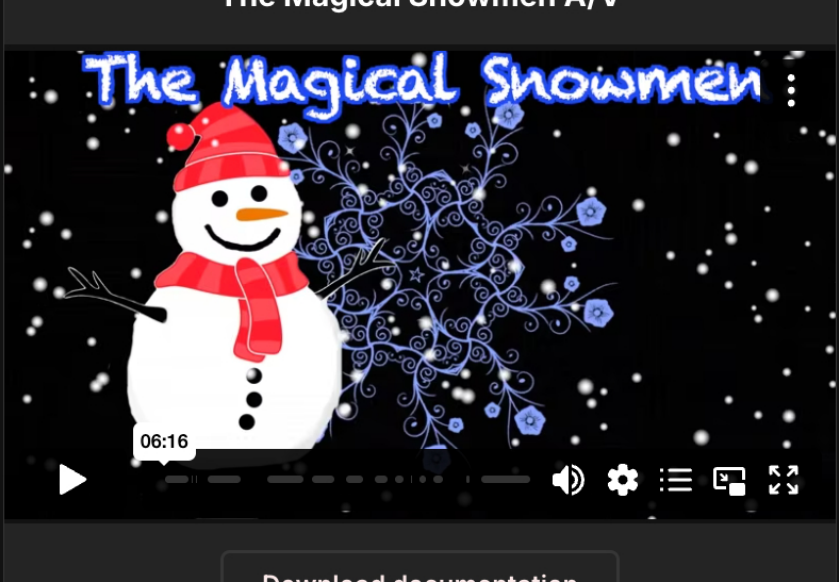
The Magical Snowmen A/V



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The Hairy Haggis Hunt

This lesson is suitable for teachers of Lower School classes to try out with their classes. It is a match for a Scottish Celebrations such as St Andrew's Day or a Robert Burns Topic. It uses Teacher In Role Technique (the most effective method) but you can narrate the storyline if you prefer.

Download the documentation

Download music track to use with lesson

Teacher Training Videos for Early Years to Middle School

Many teachers using the resource have been inspired to deliver lessons for themselves and this has always been one of our aims.

Teaching Drama in the moment is an incredibly powerful learning experience and we want to support teachers who are keen to have a go. The following lessons are easy to deliver but as with all Drama lessons we encourage you to take the lessons off on your own tangent following the students own ideas. Take the plunge and delight your students!

The teaching presentation is at a starter level and easy to follow.

At The Funfair

Download Funfair lesson plan

Magic Box Instructions

Pirates – NEW!

Download lesson plan

Little Red Training Video

For teachers of P1-P3 this training video shows Louise with a young class using the story of Little Red Riding Hood. Teachers can try this out for themselves in their classroom space. The teaching level is Intermediate, assuming that class teachers have some experience of teaching Drama.

Little Red

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Detailed timeline

Top Tips for Teaching Drama

Below are two examples of comparison lessons to try out the impact of using Teacher In Role Technique up against a more traditional Directive approach.

We have set these inside well known stories and you can have fun with your students as well as running the test.

Directive V's Teach In Role Comparison – Cinderalla

Directive V's Teach In Role Comparison – Snow White

Drama Literacy Lesson Plans for Teachers To Use for Themselves

We are starting to include Drama lessons for teachers to try out for themselves to advance the Training Aspect of the Drama Literacy Resource. These lessons feature the techniques used in our Drama videos but teachers will be doing it for themselves here using detailed plans with techniques explained with suggested music and Literacy activities throughout. This parallels the resource progression for class teachers and we feel will be valuable CPD.

The lessons will be added throughout this coming term and if teachers have any requests then they can let us know and we will include these if we can. We are keen to take a responsive approach to the content wherever possible, so getting teachers input is very much appreciated.

Little Brown Bird – Age 4-6 (EXA, LIT)

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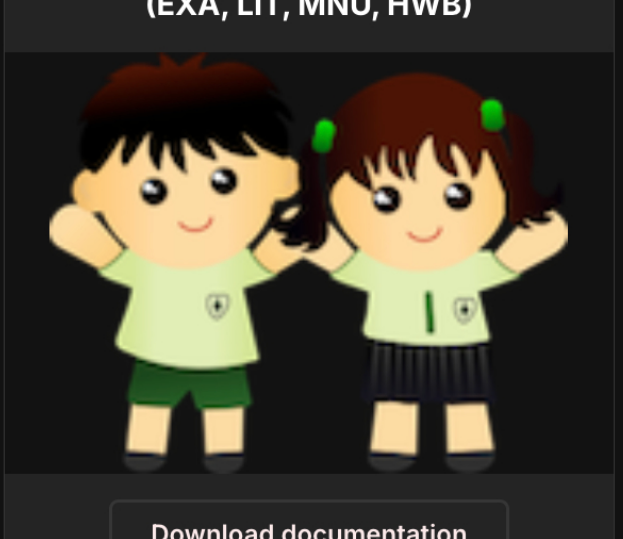

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The Teeth – Age 5-7 (EXA, LIT, HWB)

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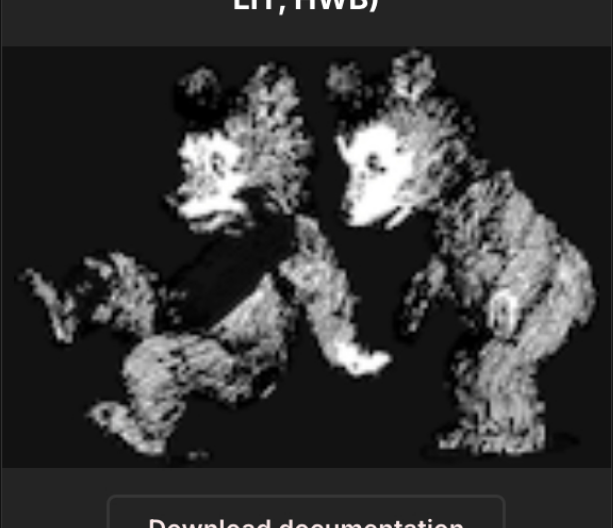
The Bear Hunt – Age 5-7 (EXA, LIT, HWB)



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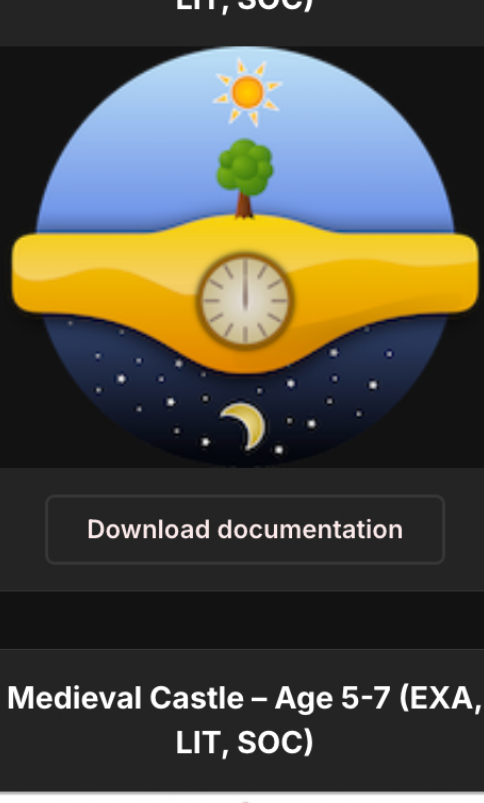

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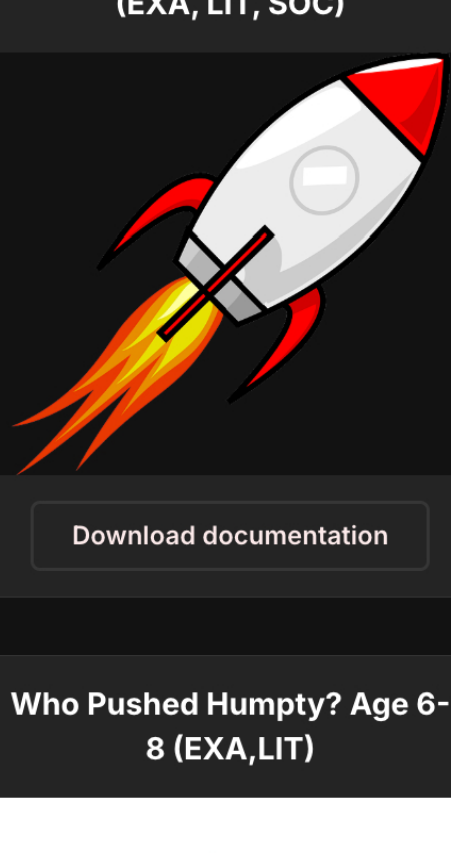

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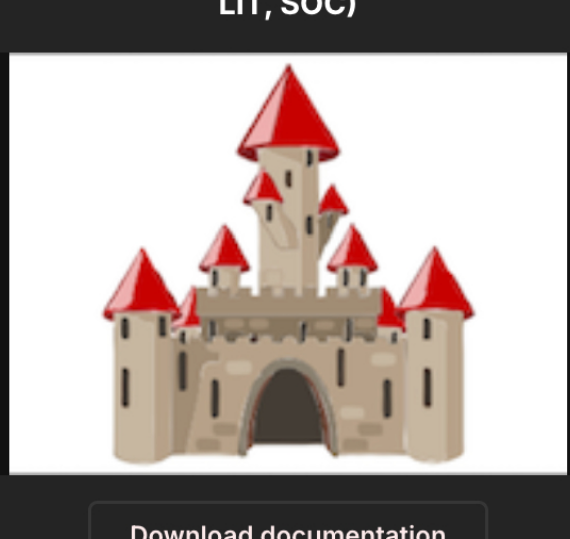

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Romans – Age 5-7 (EXA, LIT, SOC)

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Who Pushed Humpty? Age 6-8 (EXA,LIT)

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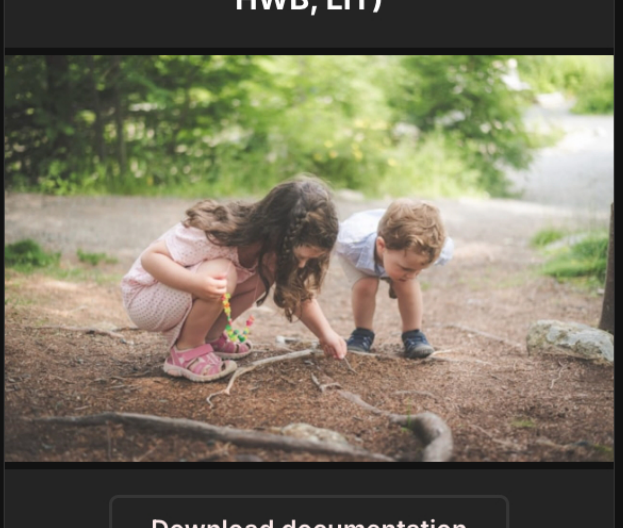

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