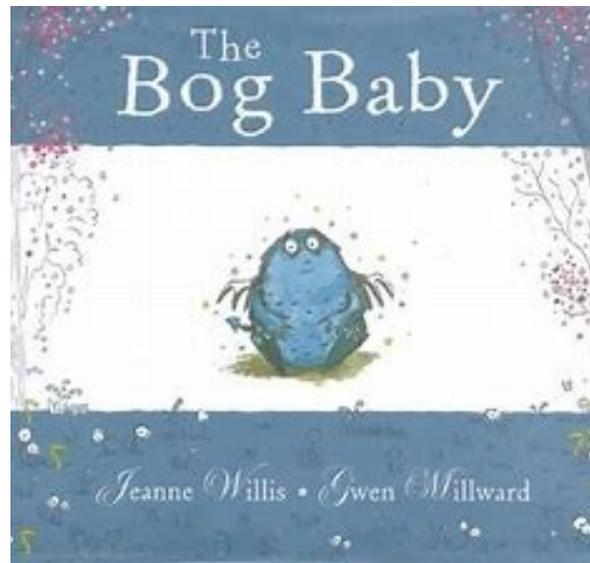


For the first of our 2 summer projects, we are focusing on the book 'The Bog Baby'. You will have 3 weeks to complete the activities and then a second project will become available. We advise you to spread the activities out over the three weeks to give you time to relax during the holiday too.

The Bog Baby



This is a magical story with a serious message about what it means to really love something. We hope you will enjoy it over the summer holidays. We have planned different activities for you to enjoy when you go outdoors with your family or when you are at home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVuH4BdVQOQ>

Understanding the World:

This book is perfect for exploring how to care for the wild animals that live in our local area. You may want to:

-Use logs and sticks to make a habitat pile in the outside environment to attract mini beasts.

<http://www.rspb.org.uk/advice/gardening/deadwood.aspx>

-Make a bird cake or bird feeder to care for local wildlife.

<http://www.rspb.org.uk/youth/makeanddo/index.aspx>

-Plant insect-friendly plants in the outdoor area.

http://www.somersetwildlife.org/hres/docu_database_wildlife_gardening_leaflet_final.pdf

-Build an insect home.

http://www.rspb.org.uk/advice/gardening/insects/building_homes.aspx

Expressive Arts and Design:

-Look at art inspired by natural landscapes such as art by Claude Monet.

-Children can make close observational drawings or paintings of natural objects such as flowers and leaves.

-Children can use leaves to make prints and rubbings.

Physical Development:

Encourage your child to move like a bog baby-jumping up and down, floating on their backs, slapping their wings...Can they make their bodies 'soft as jelly', like they 'have no bones'?

Mathematics:

-Counting bog babies - adding one more or one less.

-Use the bog baby as a weight, find things that weigh heavier, lighter or the same.

-Make up a counting song about a bog baby to the tune of a well-known song.

Book Talk (Communication+PSHE)

-Talk about why they think the girls behaved as they did. Do they think they were right to let the bog baby go?

-What do they think would have happened if their mum hadn't discovered them?

-Talk with your child about the things that they love as much as the girls loved Bog Baby.

Writing opportunities

- Write letters to persuade others to leave bog baby where he is.

- Maps of the story setting to help people to find a bog baby.

- Writing booklets telling others how to look after a bog baby

- A menu of Bog baby's favourite things to eat.

Personal project.

Can you create your own imaginary pet? Design it, name it, label it, describe it and why not make it with junk material that you may have at home. We would love to see it! Take a photo and send it please!

We hope you enjoy the story of 'The Bog Baby' and will look forward to working on the second project soon.

The Reception Team