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## SCHOOLS ACTIVITY PACK



# The Everywhere Bear

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*The Everywhere Bear* is a story about a class of children who take home a toy bear each weekend and share photos of their fun times together when they return to school. The new boy at school, Matt, accidentally loses the bear and the majority of the story focuses on the bear's journey and adventures. Finally, at a local library, they are reunited.

On reading the story, I was drawn by the theatrical possibilities of using puppetry and song, to guide us through the different environments and emotions. I also felt that this tale, which explores caring and loss, would resonate with younger children.

The illustrations by Rebecca Cobb have been the main stimulus for the design of our production. In terms of adapting the story, I felt it was necessary to build a much stronger connection between Matt and the Bear. We see him ice skating and playing in the park with the bear. We also see how upset he becomes when he realises he has lost the bear. He is new to the school and has moved home, so his friendship with the bear represents finding a new friend. The story is told with memorable songs, film projection and lovely puppetry. It is a companion piece to Polka's adaptation of *The Paper Dolls*, also by Julia Donaldson and Rebecca Cobb.



Picture from the 2018 production of *The Everywhere Bear*, co-produced by Polka Theatre, Little Angel Theatre and Royal & Derngate, Northampton.

*Dear Teacher/Parent*

*We do hope you enjoyed watching the story time of The Everywhere Bear. Here are a few activities for your children to do after they have read or seen the story.*

*The production of The Everywhere Bear is for children aged 3-7 years and the activities in this pack are for Key Stage 1. Please pass on any of the activities to your children to do at home to encourage and engage creative minds!*

## **Tongue Twisters**

Tongue twisters are a great way to warm up the voice so you are ready for the day. Break the sentence down and repeat it slowly and clearly. Once you are comfortable with the whole sentence you can practice saying it with different emotions and expressions ie; happy, sad, slow motion, fast forward.

Choose one of them and repeat it as fast as you can 5 times, now 10 times, even 20 times! Set up a competition between you and your family member to see who can say this tongue twister the most times in 10 seconds, 30 seconds, maybe even a minute?

**At Lily's they let  
him be lovely  
and lazy**

**Makes dens  
when he goes  
home with  
Daisy**

**Burgers  
with Billy and  
jelly with Jay**

**Bus rides with  
April and horse  
rides with May**

# Story Order

Can you remember the story? Why don't you cut out each of the sentences below and try and put them in the order they happened in the story of *The Everywhere Bear*.

Be careful with scissors at all times and...try not to peek at the book!

The Everywhere Bear gets washed down a drain!

Bethany Burke finds the Everywhere Bear and takes it into the library

Matt is walking to school on a rainy day and the Everywhere Bear falls out of his school bag!

The Everywhere Bear gets run over by a van!

Mrs Bishop collects fish for her shop, finds the Everywhere Bear in a box and throws him into a skip

Mrs McAllister teaches Class One at School and the new boy Matt is given the Everywhere Bear to take home

A lorry takes the skip to the tip where a Seagull finds the Everywhere Bear and picks him up

Class One go to the library, and Matt finds Everywhere Bear in the libraries lost property

The Everywhere Bear falls from a pipe into the sea!

The Everywhere Bear sits back on the shelf in Class One

Fishermen catch the Everywhere Bear in their net with all the fish

Seagull and the Everywhere Bear fly over the town and Seagull drops the bear onto the front steps of the library

# Rhyming Wall

There are lots of lovely rhyming words in the story of The Everywhere Bear.  
Can you circle which are the rhyming words below;

**Nobody knew that the poor little fellow**

**Just like the street, had been painted bright yellow.**

**Nobody saw when a river of rain**

**Washed him and whoshed him head first down a drain.**

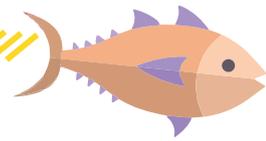
**And no one was there when the Bear with the stripe,**

**Dirty and dizzy, splashed out of the pipe.**

Can you think of more words to fill on this rhyming wall?

Bun	One		
King	Swing		
Chair	Bear		
Mat	Cat		
Skip	Tip		
Wet	Net		

# Mrs Bishop's Fish Shop



Make and colour in about five different fish, (or as many as you want). You can either design your own fish or use the template at the end of this pack. Once you have made your fish, go and find a family member and see if you can sell your fish to them.

You will be Mrs Bishop working in your fish shop and your family member can be a customer who is coming to buy some fish. This is a role-play exercise so think about what Mrs Bishop would sound like, how she would stand and maybe you could even find a costume!

When you are ready, think about how much you would like to sell each of your fish for. 50p? £2? You can write down the price of your different fish so that you can remember. Open the door of your fish shop and let your customer(s) in. If they want more than one fish, try and work out how much money they need to pay you. Maybe they will give you too much money so you will have to work out what change to give you customer.

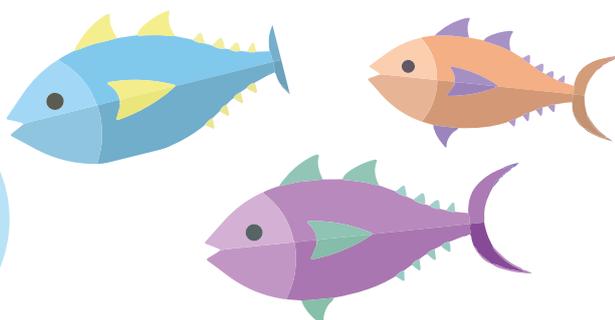
For example, if someone buys 2 pieces of fish at £2 each that comes to a total of £4, but if they give you a £5 note you will have to work out the change. Can you calculate what the change will be?

You can always write down the sums on a piece of paper to help you work it out.

Give it a go with different fish orders! And no credit cards allowed!

## Did you know

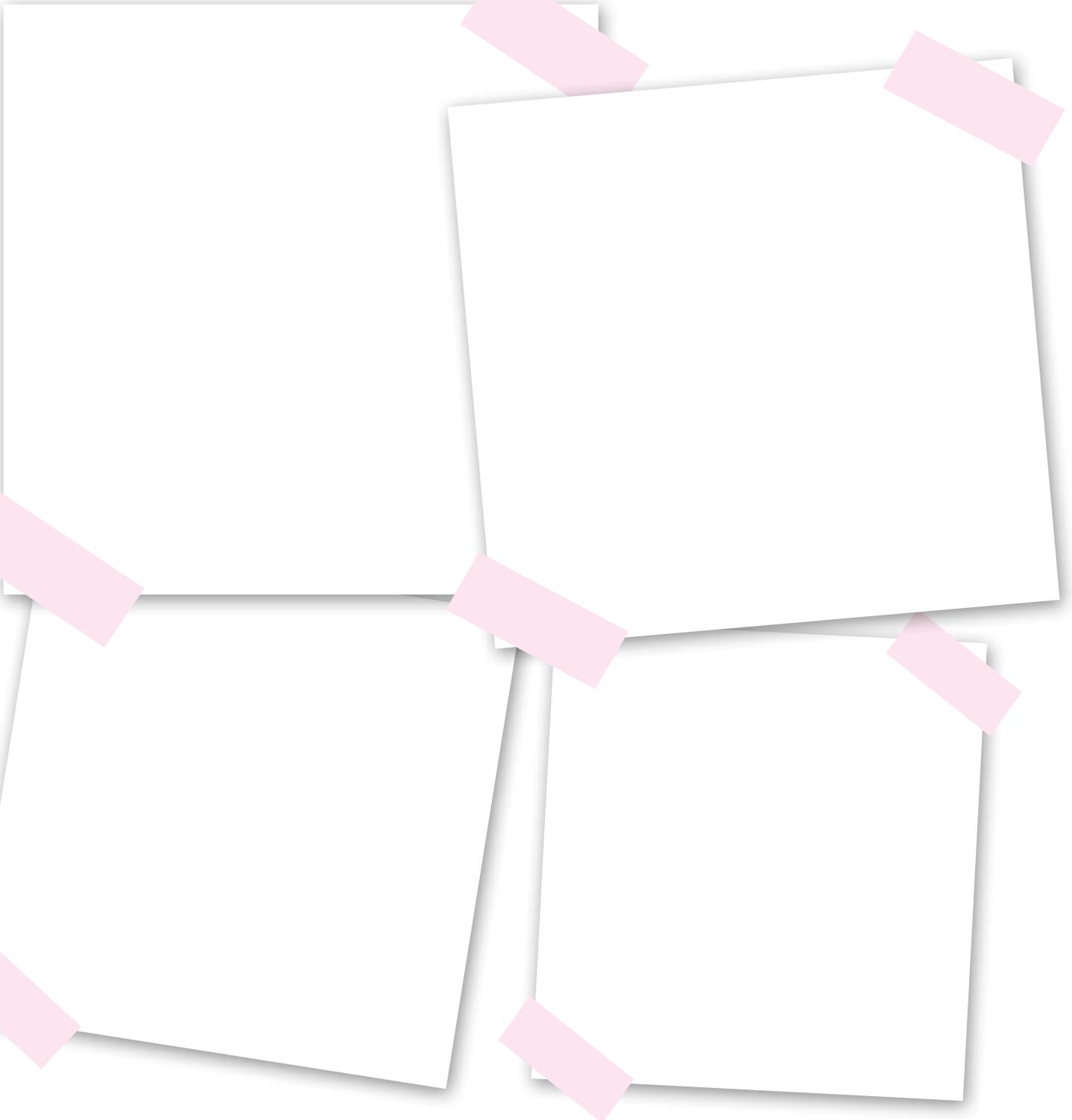
A group of fish is called 'a shoal'



# The Everywhere Bear Photo Album

So, we know what adventures the Everywhere Bear had in the book, but can you think of some new adventures for the bear to go on? Let's draw some pictures to put in these photos. Will the bear be going to the beach for a holiday? Or maybe zooming on a roller coaster at a big fun fair? Or even climbing to the top of the Eiffel Tower in Paris?

Fill in the photos below and remember to use your imagination - the Everywhere Bear can go anywhere!



# Library Book

Create your very own book for the library Class One visit. This can be a blank scrap book or you could make your book by just folding a few sheets of A4 paper. Your story should be all about you. Will it be a \*fiction book and you can make up an adventure story? Or perhaps it will be a \*non-fiction book all about you, your family and your friends? You can include the pictures from your Everywhere Bear photo album, cartoon doodles, speech and thought bubbles.

\***Fiction book** is an **invented story** and includes people, events, or places that are imaginary

\***Non-fiction book** is about **true facts**, real people and/or events that have happened

# Memory Jar

The Everywhere Bear goes on an amazing journey in the story and creates so many memories. So why don't you make a memory jar where you can you're your happy memories in a safe place so you can look back at them whenever you want. All you will need is a clean empty jar, it could be a jam jar or a pickle jar (but make sure you wash it well otherwise it may be a bit smelly!)

Now decorate your jar however you wish, maybe stick some tissue paper on it, add some stickers, feathers or pom poms or just add a decorated label – whatever you want or have in the house. Now, whenever you remember a wonderful memory, you can write it down or draw it on a piece of paper, fold it up and put it in the jar. You could even add objects such as a shell from a beach or a leaf from a walk in the woods or the park.

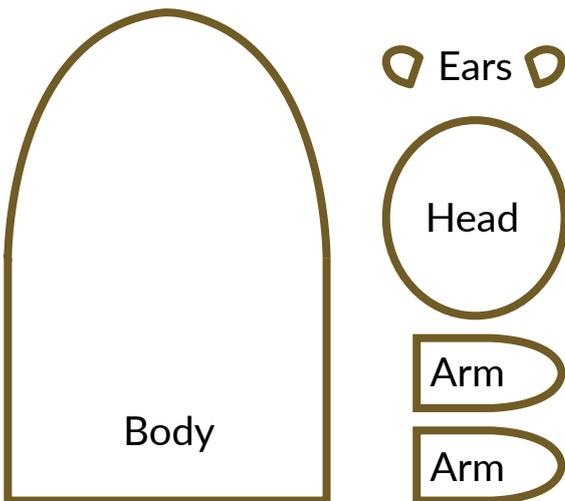
# Bear Finger Puppet

The Everywhere Bear in our show is a puppet made of wood.

You could make your own bear puppet out of paper and here's how.

All you need is some paper (white or coloured), some scissors, pens or pencils to decorate and some glue or tape. Cutting and sticking should be done with adult supervision.

Cut your paper into the following shapes



Now attach all the pieces together with glue or tape as shown in the picture below and decorate your bear however you want. Your bear can be any colour you want, maybe you will make a rainbow one, or a white polar bear! The tricky bit is to make 2 holes in the body for your fingers so that you can bring your bear to life!

Why don't you listen to Julian Butler's wonderful [music from the show](#) and you and your bear puppet can sing along to *The Everywhere Bear* song! Song lyrics are at the back of the pack.



For more bear puppet inspiration:  
[diys.com](https://www.diys.com)  
[YouTube](#)  
[kidscraftroom.com](https://www.kidscraftroom.com)

# The Rubbish Tip

Try and find some recyclable packaging/ objects from home (bottles/egg boxes/ yoghurt pot/cereal boxes). Place the objects in an interesting formation on your kitchen table or on the floor. It may look like a heap of rubbish at the tip. Now choose your favourite from the pile and use your imagination to bring it to life. Give it a voice, way of moving. You could draw faces on the objects which may help to bring them to life. Give them a name and see how they interact with other objects or people in your house.



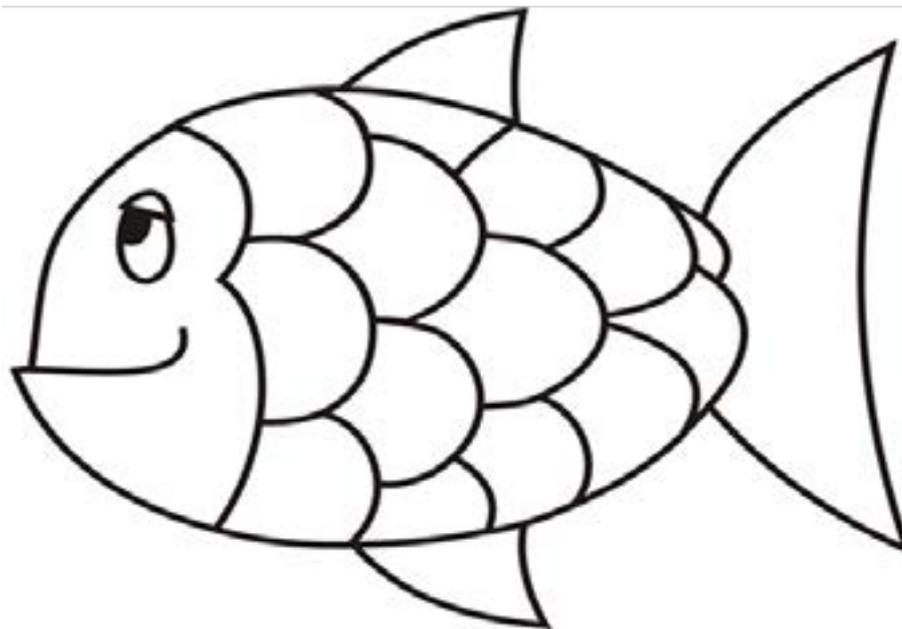
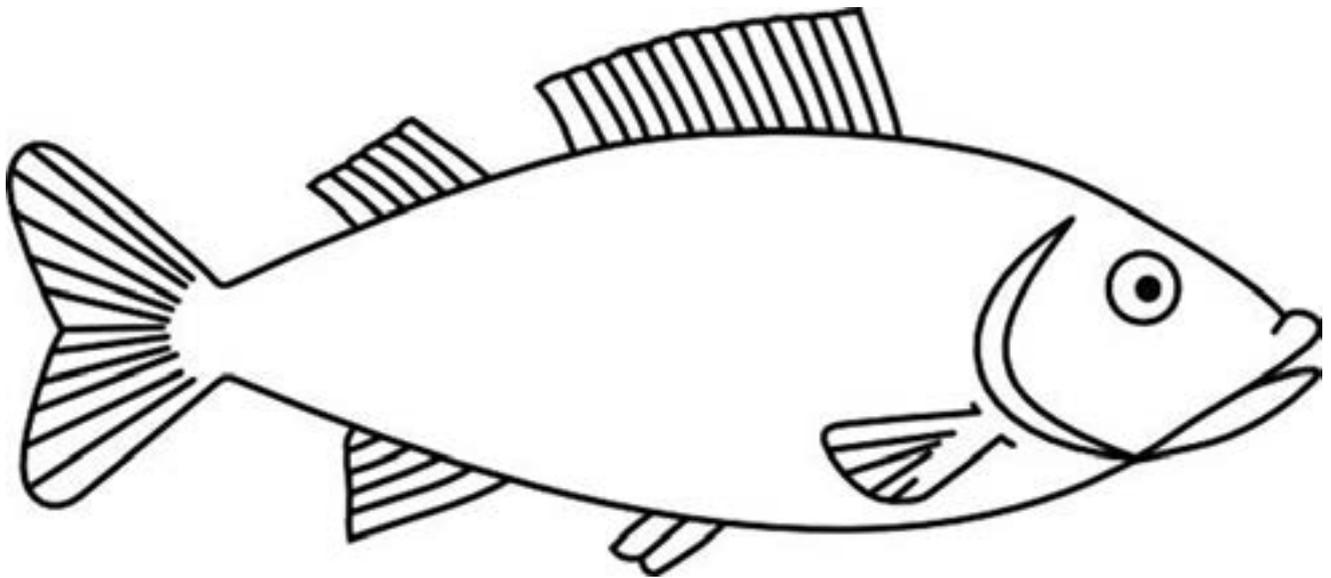
# The Bear Gallery

To celebrate the Everywhere Bear being reunited with Class 1, let's throw a party! Find your favourite teddy bear or toy and ask a member of your family to join you. Put a big blanket on the floor, assemble your picnic (this could be real or pretend) and sit down together. This is the perfect time to read The Everywhere Bear book again. You could use the props that you have made already i.e. the bear puppet, the fish from Mrs Bishop's Fish Shop and the objects and characters you created from the rubbish tip. You could also dress up in costume to be one of the characters from the book, such as, the teacher, the fishermen, Mrs Bishop or even wear something similar to one of the children in the book.

## The Everywhere Bear song

The Everywhere Bear has a home on a shelf  
But he doesn't spend very much time by himself.  
For each boy and girl in the class is a friend  
And he goes home with one of them every weekend.  
On Mondays they carry him back to Class One  
And tell all the others the things that he's done.

# Mrs Bishop's Fish Templates



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