



Story of the Week

"We're Going on a Bear Hunt" by Michael Rosen



Online Links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Waoa3iG3bZ4> (animated)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgyI6yKDwds> (with actions)

How the Book Can Support Children's Learning

Health and Wellbeing:

- Moving the body in different ways as actions along to the story.
- Children can talk about different feelings of the character in the story and learn more about emotions.

Literacy:

- Listening to a story from beginning to end.
- Talking about the people in the story and what happens.
- Talking about a favourite part of a story.
- Predicting what might happen next.
- Retelling a story in own words with or without puppets/props.

Things to talk about:

- The title of the book, the pictures, author and illustrator.
- The events in the story and what your child thinks might happen next.
- How are the characters feeling at different points?
- Recalling the order of events when retelling the story - what did the characters come across next on their way home?

- Sequencing events - what happened at the beginning, middle and end of the story?
- Encourage your child to talk about their likes and dislikes of the story and explain why they liked or disliked it - share your thoughts about the story with them too!
- If your child had written the book, would they change anything in the story? Would they change characters? e.g. a tiger instead of a bear, would they change the names of the characters?
- Talk about their own experiences of mud, splashing in water etc. What words would they use to describe mud?



Things to do:

- Make some puppets and retell the story and use items around the home to recreate a story.
- Draw pictures of the sections of the story, muddle them up and put them in the correct order, say the repeated phrases from the book to create the sound effects.
- Draw a map of the route that the characters took to get to the cave.
- Make some sensory bottles.
- Hide a teddy and go on a bear hunt in your home.
- Play hide and seek with a teddy bear and describe where your teddy was hiding - e.g. 'under the table'.
- Draw a favourite teddy bear.

Useful links....

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxFIGWm9M6w> Teddy Bear's Picnic song
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TdDypyS_5zE Ten in the Bed
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qmbHKUA8IKc> Teddy Bear action song
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAT5NiWHFIU> We're Going on a Bear Hunt
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