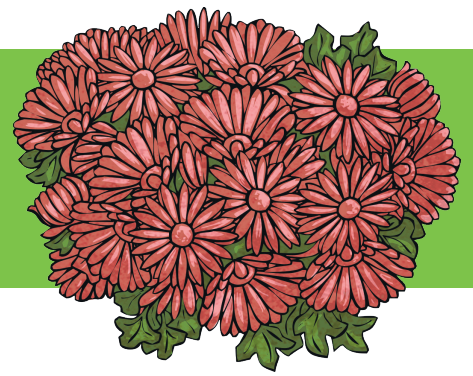




Take It Outside: Spring

English: The Journey



Introduction

In the story of 'Saving Spring', Oscar and Greta make their way back home to Skallanes, having rescued Spring. On their journey, they see signs of spring returning to the world. This activity has children using their imagination to go on their own journey to Skallanes, looking for signs of spring.

You will need:

- an outdoor space;
- the 'Saving Spring' story;
- sticky notes;
- pens or pencils;
- Expanded Noun Phrases Warm-Up PowerPoint;
- Expanded Noun Phrase Word Mat.

Key Questions

- What signs of spring can you see, hear, smell and feel?
- What descriptive language can you use?
- Can you create expanded noun phrases?

What to do:

1. Before you go outside, read 'Saving Spring'. Talk about Oscar and Greta's journey home after they have rescued spring. Ask the children to think about what signs of spring they would have noticed.
2. Look at the Expanded Noun Phrases Warm-Up PowerPoint.
3. Explain to the children that they are going to pretend to be Oscar and Greta making their way back to Skallanes. Then, it's time to take it outside!
4. Put the children in mixed ability pairs and give each pair some sticky notes and a pen or pencil.
5. Encourage the children to move around the area, looking for signs of spring and use all their senses when doing so. They should write down all their ideas on sticky notes. Remind the children to use as much descriptive language as possible.



6. After a while, bring the children back together. Give the pairs a few minutes to work on adding to their work by creating expanded noun phrases.
7. Choose two children to take the part of Oscar and Greta. Have them walk through the middle of the group.
8. As the two children walk, say “As Oscar and Greta made their way home, they saw...”. Encourage children to call out some of their expanded noun phrases.

Ways to Support

Children could use this Expanded Noun Phrase Word Mat.

Ways to Extend

When back inside, children could write their own version of Oscar and Greta’s journey home.

Curriculum Links

Draft and write by composing and rehearsing sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary.

