DRAWING CLUB

small steps big progress

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Drawing Club is a programme used only in Reception. It was created by Greg Bottrill and it brings the magic of story into the classroom. It is a way to share skills including fine motor, early writing, vocabulary, maths and most importantly, imagination and excitement!



The story

At the beginning of each week, we use a new quality text to grab the interest of the children. We read the story and talk about the front cover, the title and make predictions about what the story could be about. We may sequence events to help them to familiarise themselves with what happens. The texts we use will link to our topic whenever appropriate.

New words

We learn new words each week which link to the text. To help the children to remember them, we choose actions together as a class for each word. This is a way of developing new and exciting vocabulary in context that the children may not otherwise hear. We then encourage the children to use these words in their play.

explore · gigantic · brave · flutter · Let's use it!

The magic button

Each time the children draw they have to add a 'magic button'. To make the magic work, they have to add a secret code. This could be the sound they are learning that day, a word, a caption or full sentences – whatever we feel they need to reinforce. The secret code could also be a number or a maths fact.

Secret code: cat

The sequence

There is a clear sequence:

Day 1 Character → Day 2 Setting → Day 3 Adventure Time → Day 4 Adventure Time → Day 5 Adventure Time

Our Drawing Club display



3 M's are important to Drawing Club

- Mark making
- Making conversation
- Mathematics