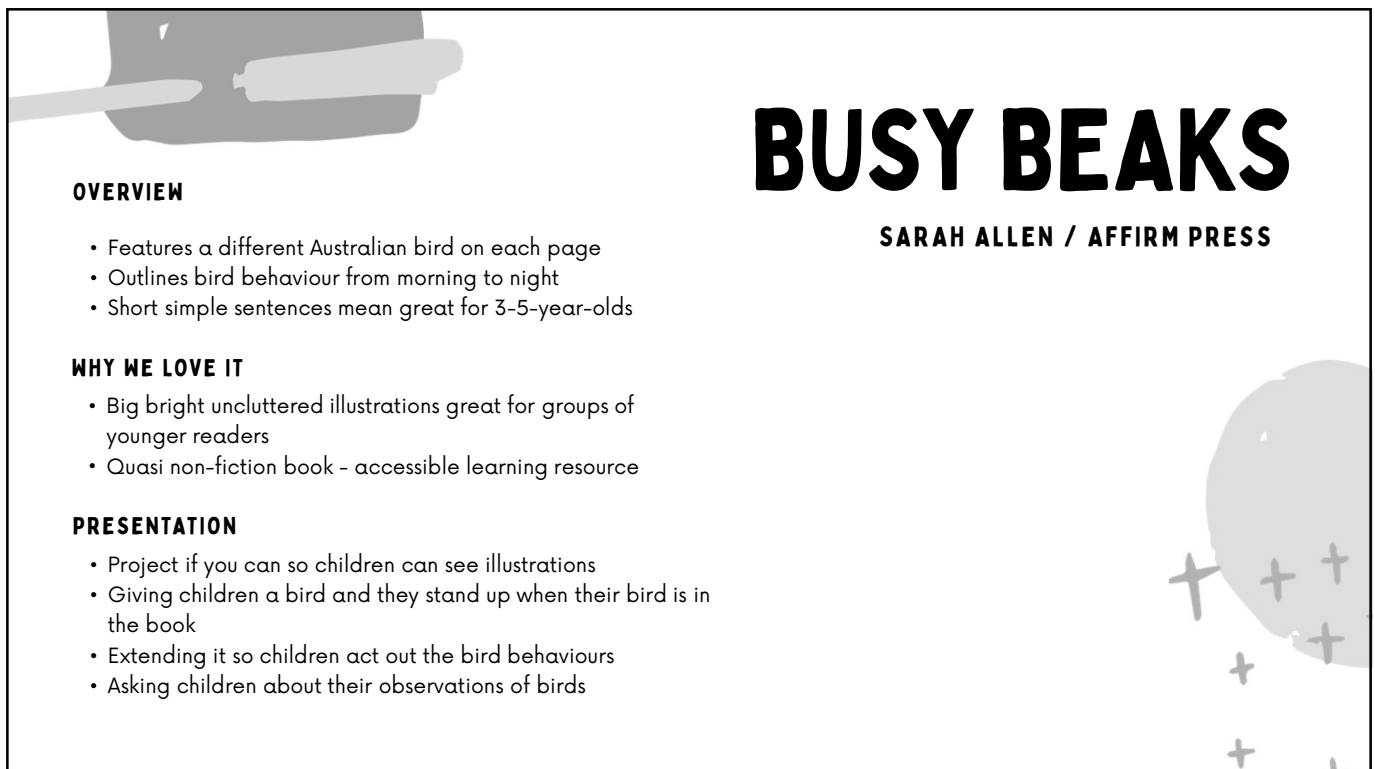


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OVERVIEW

- Features a different Australian bird on each page
- Outlines bird behaviour from morning to night
- Short simple sentences mean great for 3-5-year-olds

WHY WE LOVE IT

- Big bright uncluttered illustrations great for groups of younger readers
- Quasi non-fiction book - accessible learning resource

PRESENTATION

- Project if you can so children can see illustrations
- Giving children a bird and they stand up when their bird is in the book
- Extending it so children act out the bird behaviours
- Asking children about their observations of birds

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PROGRAM AND DISPLAY IDEAS



ONLINE + PASSIVE

- What bird(call) is it/ your favourite
- Bird scavenger hunt using those common to your area



FACE-TO-FACE

- Creating birdhouses / bird feeders
- Local birdwatchers/rescue group chat
- Group art - bird outline and they stick feathers on it
- STEM – design thinking – make a birdsnest to hold 1 egg shaker – pictures of weird, wonderful nests afterwards – more than one way of solving a task



DISPLAY

- Bird books and /or pictures around library with paper roll tube binoculars for 'bird-watching'
- Colouring in of local birds

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WHO'S YOUR REAL MUM?

BERNADETTE GREEN
(ILLS.BY ANNA ZOBEL) /
SCRIBBLE KIDS BOOKS

Overview

- Daughter of same-sex parents attempts to answer question, 'Who's your real mum?'
- Using her imagination to deal with a difficult situation
- Affirming your truth in the face of opposition

Why we love it

- Powerful message told in an interesting, nuanced way
- Affirmation for rainbow families - but all families will get warm fuzzy feelings - including blended and adopted

Presentation

- Straight reading with lots of exposition and questions explaining emotions / motivations of characters
- Best for older kids - mainly 4-7

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PROGRAM AND DISPLAY IDEAS

ONLINE + PASSIVE

- Tell us about your mum/s social media call out

FACE-TO-FACE

- Family tree – celebrate all the different shapes
- My mum is secretly ...
- Link to History syllabus (ES1) - stories about my family
- Family portraits – draw or have a photography session with a background
- Dress up to act out the imaginary pursuits of the mums
- Outreach to rainbow family organizations in your area

DISPLAY

- Rainbow families book display
- 'My mum ...' index cards for public to add

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NO! NEVER!

LIBBY HATHORN & LISA HATHORN-
JARMAN (ILLUS. BY MEL PEARCE) /
HACHETTE AUSTRALIA

OVERVIEW

- A cautionary tale
- A little girl who says No! Never! to every request from her parents until they say it to her requests
- Rhyming structure and child-like drawings

WHY WE LOVE IT

- Funny, and parents in the audience will relate to content
- An easy read-aloud with great real-life situations
- Note: is it okay to say, no? reaction from parents

PRESENTATION

- Make for a great Reader's Theatre
- Encourage parents and children to talk together about times it's okay to say No! or Never!

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PROGRAM AND DISPLAY IDEAS



ONLINE + PASSIVE

- Tell us your parenting stories on social media



FACE-TO-FACE

- Safety presentation - fire, police, road safety
- Child illus. chart of routines parents can use at home to encourage them
- Reverse role-playing - parents acting as kids and kids as parents for a simple task
- Co-operative game session
- Parenting session on managing 'big' emotions



DISPLAY

- Parenting and other picture books about children's behaviour
- Child created cartoons of themselves in their routine - could also be a routine social story as a program

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ANEMONE IS NOT THE ENEMY

ANNA MCGREGOR /
SCRIBBLE KIDS PRESS

Overview

- Anemone is friendless until clownfish takes refuge in her rockpool
- Themes of friendship, the natural world - tides, rockpools and sea animals
- Finding your place and loving yourself

Why we love it

- Fun facts, funny story and eye-catching neon characters
- Simple enough to read for majority 2 - 3-year-old Storytime sessions

Presentation

- Easy and funny Reader's theatre
- Puppet show another option

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PROGRAM AND DISPLAY IDEAS

ONLINE + PASSIVE

- Trivia - under the sea facts
- If coastal council, photos of rockpools / shoreline

FACE-TO-FACE

- 'Under the sea' experience with live animals
- Paper roll anemone gardens
- Jar / paper plate aquariums
- Movie screening of 'Finding Nemo'
- Rockpool sensory experience - sandy, wet, slimy, hard - individual trays for Covid-19
- STEM - Sink or float / volume experiments

DISPLAY

- Crepe paper anemone with non-fiction sea animal books 'socially-distanced'
- Rockpool or under the sea diorama

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THERE'S NO SUCH THING

HEIDI MCKINNON / ALLEN & UNWIN

OVERVIEW

- Bear and Ted camping hear many noises in the night
- Twist at the end - imagination monsters are real
- Short simple sentences mean great for 2-5-year-olds

WHY WE LOVE IT

- Big, blocky illustrations great for groups of younger readers
- Easy to read and speaking about fears

PRESENTATION

- As just camping setting, puppet show would work easily
- Reader's theatre with children acting as the 'monsters' - it can be socially distanced as 'monsters' always outside the tent
- After, re-iterate sometimes things seem scary and they're not scary at all. Don't want to confirm any night fears children hold

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PROGRAM AND DISPLAY IDEAS



ONLINE + PASSIVE

- Set up a tepee in the library and ask children to contribute pictures of their fears / imaginary creatures that are displayed outside



FACE-TO-FACE

- Simple Storytime craft - 'Mr Squiggle' - using our imaginations perhaps paired with sounds
- STEM - using our senses - pairing sounds with the things that make them
- STEM older kids - sound effects with external facilitator / coding a game for younger kids - What's that sound?



DISPLAY

- Camping books display with teepee and other camping artefacts
- Monsters from book - make and display (Scavenger hunt)
- Night-time books against a starry sky

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WE LOVE YOU, MAGOO

BRIONY STEWART/
PENGUIN RANDOM
HOUSE

Overview

- Magoo the dog constantly doing things he's not allowed to do.
- Very repetitive, rhyming structure
- Satisfying ending

Why we love it

- Great high-contrast pictures younger children will love
- Simple enough to read for Toddlers upwards
- Children will love Magoo's antics
- Very relatable for families with dogs

Presentation

- A straight read will bring out the funny situations
- Many settings and props make a Reader's theatre or puppet show difficult, but children could enjoy acting out the part of Magoo
- Asking children to join in with the repeated phrase

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PROGRAM AND DISPLAY IDEAS

ONLINE + PASSIVE

- Social media montage of adorable dogs / cat videos
- Dogs of photo call out of your pet / pet poll

FACE-TO-FACE

- Paper plate dogs/paper puppets as a Storytime craft
- Talk with local pound about how to take care of our pets
- Pet first-aid for kids and parents with local vet and stuffed animals
- Collage of orange Magoo and with blue-themed background
- Decorate a collar / bandanna for your dog
- STEM - graphing what pets everyone has or making dog biscuits
- Sensory play - cleaning 'dirty' dog figurines; playdough pets

DISPLAY

- Pet-themed display

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