

Story and activity ideas: 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury.

Read the book together or click on the link to read along with Mary:
https://www.maytree-nursery.lambeth.sch.uk/uploads/b/43868287-687176510811840437/going_on_a_bear_hunt_2020_copy_770.mp4

or read along with the author, Michael Rosen:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2O17fe766nk>

Some tips for sharing the story together:

- Let your child hold the book and turn the pages.
- Read the title of the book together. Talk about who they can see on the front cover and what they think the story is going to be about.
- Encourage your child to join in and read along with you, especially with the repeated phrases...'We're not scared', 'You can't go over it, you can't go under it. OH NO! We've got to go through it!' Have fun using your voice and facial expressions.
- Help your child to sequence the story – Where did they go first? What happened next?
- Get outdoors and go on a bear hunt at your local park.
- Hide a teddy bear somewhere in your home (somewhere dark!) and go on a bear hunt indoors. Use your whole body to do the actions – use your arms to do the swishy swashy grass, stamp and stomp your feet to go splash splosh through the river.

Try these activity ideas:

- You'll need some binoculars for your bear hunt – make some with some toilet paper rolls
- Make a bear hunt story in your living room! Make a dark den with some sheets, put some cushions on the floor for the thick oozy mud, cut strips of paper for the swishy, swashy grass...



- Make some pretend mud (gloop) with some cornflour, water and some

drinking chocolate in a washing-up bowl. Your child will love playing with this gloop! 'Squelch, squirch' away!

- For some more messy play (and parents who don't mind the mess) here are some other ideas of materials that could be used for a bear hunt sensory role-play tray (put all the items below onto a large tray for your child to retell the story in their own way:
 - Grass – actual grass clippings from the garden or park
 - River – water with blue food colouring
 - Mud – soil and water or make pretend mud with cornflour and water mixed with some dark brown paint or pretend mud with playdough.
 - Forest – leaves and twigs from the garden or park.
 - Snowstorm – shaving cream mixed in with the cotton wool.
- Make a bear hunt map together →



- Mark-making and drawing on plain paper: your child can draw and talk about their favourite bits of the story.

Here are some website links with more activity ideas:

<http://verymessymummy.blogspot.com/2013/10/were-going-on-a-bear-hunt.html>

<https://www.learning4kids.net/play-activities-by-age/2-years-3-years/>

<https://www.learning4kids.net/play-activities-by-age/3-year-4-years/>

Have lots of fun together with 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt.'

Share your fun times with us by sending 'photos to your child's key worker, via EExAT!

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