

Our English Learning Journey



Key vocabulary:

Helicopter

Adjective

Imagination

Story

Role play

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

WOW DAY

Star Words

memory



special occasions



past

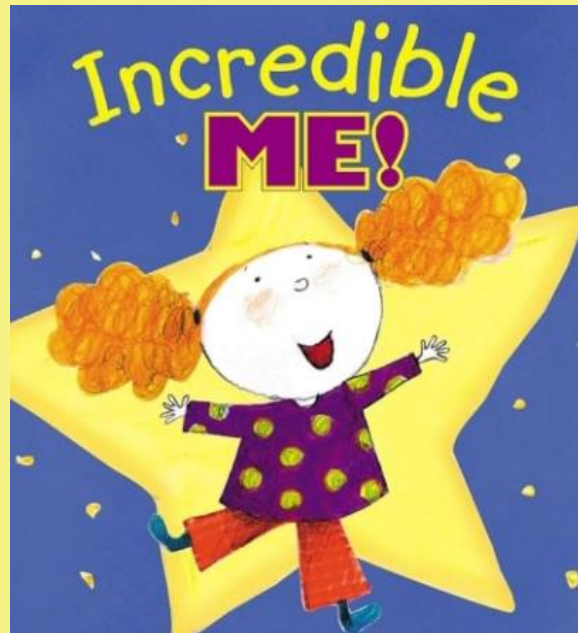


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Today is our first Wow Day in Year 1!

We are going to have fun experiences today that will help us learn more about our new topic.



*Our Topic this term is
'Incredible Me'.*

[Incredible Me by Kathi Appelt - READ ALOUD for kids!
\(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

TPs- What does incredible mean?



Incredible means _____.

Incredible means when you are amazing.



What can you remember about yourself when you were a baby?



TPs- How have you changed from when you were a baby?

Create a self-portrait of your baby photo

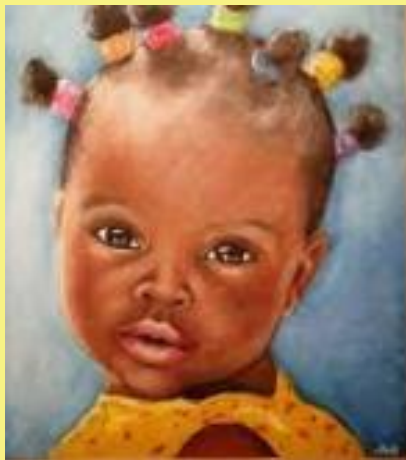
You can use any media such a paint, watercolour, oil pastels and pastels.



How would you describe your features.

CT - Photocopy the photos before painting/drawing using media.

Photo and child's voice



Make a photo frame



TPs: Who is in your family?
Why are they special to you?

Draw a picture of a special memory and
make a photo frame to put the picture in.



Let's watch videos on how to make a photo frame

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=ILzrMlelGHo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kLljiICa7s>



You will need:

- Art straws/lolly-sticks
- Paper/card
- Glue sticks/ glue
- String
- Scissors
- Elastic bands



CT to choose which frame to make.

Photo and child's voice



TPs- How do you spend special time with your family?

I spend special time with my family by _____.

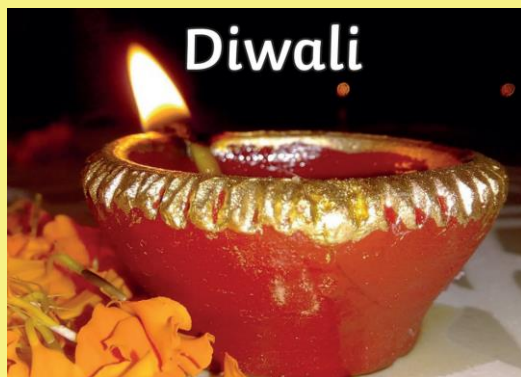
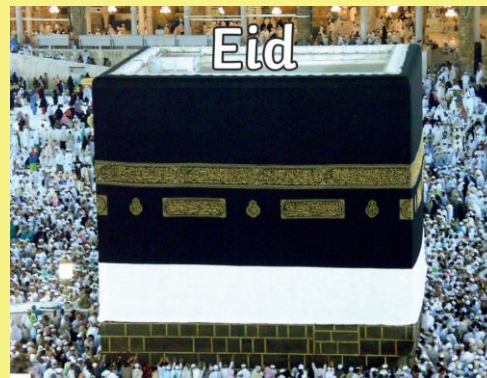


When we spend fun and happy times with our friends and family, we make special memories.

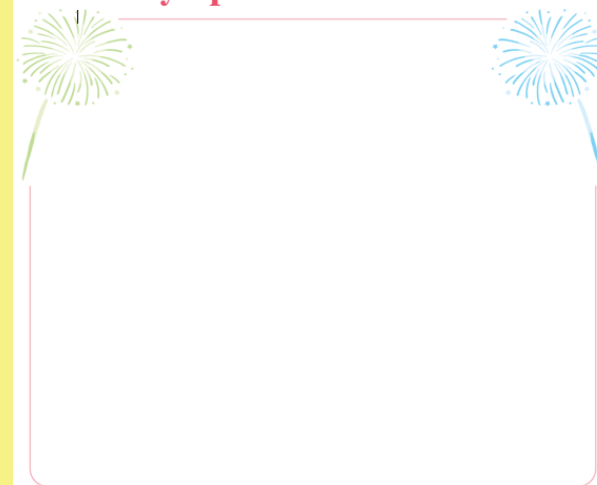


TPs: What special celebrations do you remember?
How did you celebrate it?

Draw a picture of a special celebration and write about it.



My Special Celebration



Four horizontal lines for writing.

Thursday 4th September 2025

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LQ: Can I understand what a helicopter story is?



Steps to success

I can remember what a helicopter story is.

I can use my imagination to tell a story.

I can use role play to act out my story.

We are going to use our own imagination to make up our own story.

TP – What is a helicopter story?

1. Think of a story you want to tell
2. Pick some characters you would like to be in it.
3. Tell your teacher your story.
4. Your teacher will write your story.
5. Act out your story.



Self assessment

Do you know what a helicopter story is?



LQ: Can I act out my story?

Task

We are going to perform our stories to our class and give our friends two stars and a wish!

Two Stars & a Wish



- ★ I really like the way you ...
- ★ I really like how you ...
- ★ I noticed you ...
- ★ My favourite part was when ...
- ★ I think the best thing about it was ...
- ★ It was interesting how you...
- ★ You grabbed my attention when ...
- ★ You should be proud of ...
- ★ If would be great if you...
- ★ I think you might want to ...
- ★ I would recommend it if you...
- ★ Next time maybe you could try ...
- ★ You can improve by...
- ★ It would be even better if you...



star

star

wish

Self assessment

Do you understand the task?



Friday 5th September 2025

Friday 5th September 2025



LQ: Can I describe a character?



Steps to success

I can think of characters to add in a story.

I can use my imagination to tell my teacher my story.

I can use role play to act out my story.

Star Words



imagination



creative



story



describe



character

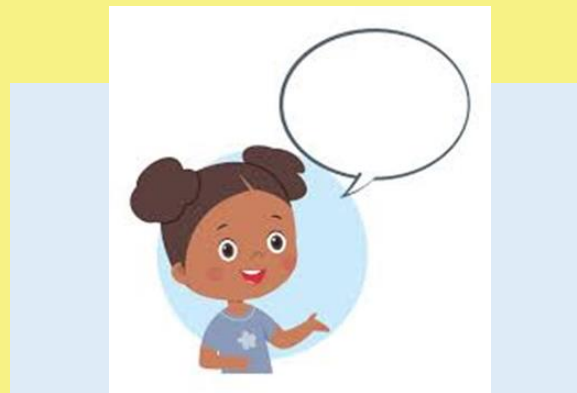


Revisit

This week we are going to use our imaginations to make up our own story.

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Self assessment



Do you remember what a helicopter story is?

Today you are going to use your imagination to describe some characters you would like to include in your helicopter story.

TP – What is a character?



A character is someone in a story - either a human, a fantastical or mythical creature. They could even be a talking animal.

TP – What is a characters would you like in your helicopter story?



What to think about:
Is your character a human or animal?
Is your character big or small?
What is your character going to be doing?
What colour is it?

Describe the characters you would you like to include in your story.



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