

Expressive Arts and Design

Beyond the door



Have some enlarged colour pictures from the book Journey by Aaron Becker.

Have a variety of coloured crayons, each child to choose the colour they would like to draw with. What does their colour remind them of? Imagine they are at home just like the little girl in the story, sat in their bedroom. It's a very boring day, everyone one is busy at home. Imagine that they look down at your crayon and they have an idea! On the wall are large sheets of drawing paper, invite the children to go over to the paper and draw a door for them to open and step into another world.

Ask them what they can see in their imaginary world?

Invite them to take a few steps into their world, what can they see? What is around them? Can they hear anything? Can they smell anything? Is it a busy place or a quiet place? Are there any buildings, trees, animals or people? Let's go and explore this new world.

Have some large sheets of paper ready and crayons. Invite the children to draw a scene from the world they have visited. What is this place called? What is the weather like in the new world? What kind of activities can they do there? Some children might like to recreate their ideas using recyclable materials rather than to draw.

Children can share their pictures/models with their friends. What can their friends see in their pictures.

The pictures/models can be displayed around the doors.



Home Corner

The home corner could have a Journey/travel theme – a travel agents

Home corner can have a variety of dressing up clothes to do with different forms of travel – uniforms, hats, Hivis jackets etc. have a selection of travel brochures for the children to use.

Printable resources are available on Twinkl

Encourage the children to talk about where they would like to travel to, how will they get there, what will they take and who will they go with?



Modeshift STARS

Modeshift STARS is a national schools award scheme to recognise schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable travel. Please click on the link below to find out about Modeshift STARS: myjourneyhampshire.com/modeshiftstars

My Journey Event Calendar

My Journey has a number of events and competitions for Early Years settings to take part in throughout the year. To find out more visit myjourneyhampshire.com/early-years-events,

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