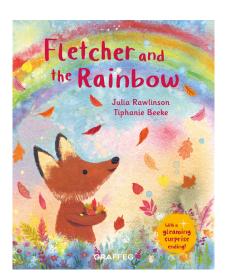


Fletcher's Four Seasons series

Fletcher and the Rainbow



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Front cover

Discussion

Talk about the author – what does the word 'author' mean?

The author writes stories – that is her job/what she does for work.

Introduce the illustrator – explain that this is her work.

What can you see on the cover?

What time of year is it?

Are there any clues to help us guess?

This is Fletcher's rainbow story – can you see all of the colours?

How many colours does a rainbow have?

Activities

Create a rainbow with different objects from the class.

Learn a rainbow song.



Inside spread

Discussion

Here are some leaves.

How many purple ones can you count?

Are there any yellow leaves?

Which leaves are the biggest?

Activities

Find out about different trees and leaves.

Go on a leaf hunt - matching to a colour pallette.



Pages 4 & 5

Discussion

What is the weather like in the woodland?

Should Fletcher be outdoors?

Where is he?

Show me whirling, swirling winds with your arms.

Activities

Paint a watery picture of a rainy day.

Listen to wind sounds and move to autumn music.



Pages 6 & 7

Discussion

Once the clouds clear, what appears then?

Have you seen a rainbow?

A rainbow has been used to say thank you to NHS workers, doctors and nurses for their work in hospitals.

Do you know someone who is a nurse or paramedic?

How do they help?

Activities

Create a clinic play area to look after eachother if they are poorly.



Pages 8 & 9

Discussion

Who did Fletcher take with him to look for the end of the rainbow?

Did the birds know where it was?

What is growing on the trees?

Activities

Find out about birds and why they fly away for the winter.



Pages 10 & 11

Discussion

Who did Fletcher meet next?

What is he doing with the leaves?

Do you sleep in a bed that's all snuggly and warm?

Activities

Make a shelter for a hedgehog or an insect hotel in the outdoor area.

Learn about hibernation.





Pages 12 & 13

Discussion

What type of tree was the squirrel standing under?

What was she doing there?

What colour apples do you enjoy eating?

Activities

Painting partners – work together to create a double-page spread from the story.



Pages 14 & 15

Discussion

What happened to Fletcher and the frog?

Who did they see on the river bank?

What did Fletcher think had happened to the rainbow?



Pages 16 & 17

Discussion

What did the friends see in the water?

Had the rainbow fallen in?

What do we call it when we see a picture in the water? A reflection – it's a bit like a mirror.

Where did the goose think the rainbow ends?

Activities

Use leaves to make natural art in the style of Andy Goldsworthy.

Create a story map of Fletcher and the frog's journey to find the rainbow.



Pages 18 & 19

Discussion

Who did Fletcher see next?

What were they doing?

Can you see their burrow?

What are they lying down on?

Activities

Go on a nature walk and collect natural objects like flowers and leaves to discover what grows in and around your area.

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Pages 20 & 21

Discussion

How do you think Fletcher is feeling?

How do you know?

Have you felt sad because you lost something?

What was it?

How did you make yourself feel better?

Can you see the rainbow disappearing?



Pages 22 & 23

Discussion

What was Fletcher thinking?

What did he see on his journey?

Can you name them?

What could he use to make his own rainbow?

Activities

Place your nature walk objects in the order you collected them, starting with the first.



Pages 24 & 25

Discussion

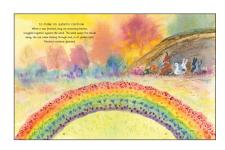
Fletcher had a plan!

What did he collect first?

Who helped him gather lots of colourful things?

Activities

Look at paintings by Acrimboldo – try to recreate one of them using natural objects/fruit.



Pages 26 & 27

Discussion

Wow!

What do you think of Fletcher's rainbow?

Describe what you see.

I think the rainbow is...

Activities

Create a rainbow painting from handprints. On each print, write something that the children want to say thank you for.



Fletcher and the Rainbow

When Fletcher sees a dazzling rainbow, he is determined to help it shine forever Guided by his friends, he choses it through the dripping wood... but the rainbow soon starts to fade. When the last scrap of colour is gone, Fletcher feels he has failed — until he realises something wonderful!

Join Fletcher and his friends as they celebrate the glorious colours of autumn in this hopeful and uplifting story.

Praise for Fletcher's Four Seasons

'Will make children gasp with delight.' ALA BOOKLIST

Potent synthesis of art and prose.'
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Back cover

Discussion

What can you see on the back cover?

Who are the characters you can see?

The price of the book is on the cover.

The ISBN code is unique for this book.

GRAFFEG is the name of the publishers who print the book.

Activities

Create a story basket of Graffeg books for the children to enjoy.

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