

Gaspard the Fox series

Gaspard's Christmas



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Vocabulary

Lingers
Scurried
Complaining
Saint Nicholas
Conniptions
Protested
Trudged
Greece

Front cover

Discussion

Who can you see on the cover?

What is he wearing?

What is falling from the sky?

The name of the author and illustrator are also on the cover – what are their names?

Have you sat outside in the snow at night?

Activities

Make paper snowflakes from different types of paper to hang above a display.



Inside spread

Discussion

Talk about the text and picture on these pages.

Do you think being kind is important?

Discuss the QR code – what happens when you scan it with an iPad or phone?

Activities

Create a scan and find game around the school using QR codes.



Pages 2 & 3

Discussion

What can you see in the background?

What types of buildings are they? Do you recognise any of them?

How do you think Gaspard is feeling?

Activities

Create silhouette Christmas cards with a skyline or trees outline in the snow – use sponges to create the snow.



Pages 4 & 5

Discussion

Where does Gaspard go to look for food?

Is that a good place to look?

Would you eat from a bin?

Why?

Activities

Talk about people and children around the world who are poor – how can we help families in need? Think of ways to raise some money or donations for a local charity.



Pages 6 & 7

Discussion

What is this in the bus stop?

Oh dear, it is a man lying in the snow.

Why do you think he's lying there?



Pages 8 & 9

Discussion

Gaspard has gone to get help – who has he gone to see?

Who is on the left and who is on the right?

Where do you think he's going to get help?

Activities

Experiment with different materials to keep things warm – which one do you think will work best? Why?



Pages 10 & 11

Discussion

Gaspard is trying to help the man – what is he doing?

What do we do to keep warm in winter?

Who else has come to help?

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Pages 12 & 13

Discussion

How do they know who the man is?

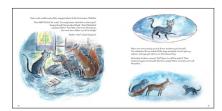
They find his wallet - do you have a purse or wallet?

What do we keep inside them?

Who did Peter think the man was?

Activities

Think of as many different bags or holders as you can and what they're used for eg purse, envelope, lunch bag, handbag, file etc.



Pages 14 & 15

Discussion

Peter was sure the man was Father Christmas.

What did he think was the best thing to do next?

Call the police – what is the number we call for the police?

Activities

Talk about the emergency services and other people who help us.



Pages 16 & 17

Discussion

Finty went to fetch Honey – what did she take?

Where was Honey? Can you see the building?

Activities

Look at different buildings and name them – what are the buildings used for? Look at iconic or well-known buildings all over the world.



Pages 18 & 19

Discussion

What was Honey doing in the church?

Finty managed to get her attention – do you think Honey was worried?

Activities

Do you help people?

Think about ways you can help: friends, family, pets



Pages 20 & 21

Discussion

Honey followed Finty all the way to the bus stop – who was there?

Activities

Create a helping hands tree by making handprints and writing ways of doing kind things to help.



Pages 22 & 23

Discussion

Can you see them all walking? Where are they going, do you think? Who is up high on the noticeboard?



Pages 24 & 25

Discussion

Nikolas was looking much better. He had some food, and who did he email? His daughter in Greece.

Nikolas wanted to give the three friends some gifts to say thank you.

Activities

Look at a map or globe to see where Greece is – what is the weather like in Greece? What is their national dress, food? Find out about other countries which does Santa Claus visit first?



Pages 26 & 27

Discussion

Can you remember what he gave Gaspard as a gift?

Do you think he was happy?

Activities

Make a stocking and put three things inside that you would like to have for Christmas or the three favourite toys you have already had.



Pages 28 & 29

Discussion

He also took a gift to Finty and Peter – he was just like Father Christmas.



Pages 30 & 31

Discussion

Nikolas went back to the church. Can you see his footsteps in the snow?

Look - what is in the sky?

Activities

Make a footstep map of a local journey or a map to show the journey in the story (include the houses, the bus stop, the church).



Pages 32 & 33

Discussion

Read these pages and learn the song.

Read the letter and find out more about the charity.

Activities

Create promise gifts with the children to give their parents/ grandparents/carers. They decide what the promise is and for whom. Decorate them and place inside a cracker you have made with them eg I promise to help, I promise to fold my clothes, I promise to put my toys away.



Back cover

Discussion

Talk about the information on the back cover.

Explain the ISBN number.

Whose footprints do you see on the back cover?

Who do you think the old man was?

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