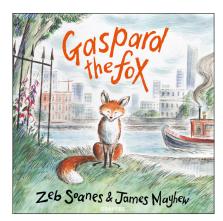


# Gaspard the Fox series

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# Vocabulary

Cautiously
Savouring
Unique
Distinctive
Uncommon
Clumsily
Astonishment
Adventure
Dignified
Gathered

### Front cover

### **Discussion**

What can you see on the cover?

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

Have you seen a fox?

This fox's name is Gaspard.

### **Activities**

Read the fox facts at the end of the book – create a fact file about another animal that lives in the countryside.



# Inside spread

### **Discussion**

Talk about the text and picture on these pages.

Discuss the place to put your name – why would you do that?



# Pages 2 & 3

### **Discussion**

Where is Gaspard in this picture?

Can you count the foxgloves – they are tall purple flowers.

Where is Gaspard now?

Why do you think he is frightened of some people?

#### **Activities**

Paint a picture/portrait of Gaspard and create a leaf border frame for your painting.



### **Pages 4 & 5**

#### Discussion

Who do you see in this picture?

Where is Gaspard?

Where is the cat?

What was unique about Gaspard?

### **Activities**

We are all unique – how are we similar and different to each other? Play a circle game, turn left and say, 'I'm similar to \_ because we have (eg brown hair). Turn right and say, I'm different to \_ because I have (eg blue trainers).'



# Pages 6 & 7

#### **Discussion**

What sort of name is Gaspard?

A French name – does your name come from a particular country? How do you think Peter the cat is feeling in this picture?



# Pages 8 & 9

### **Discussion**

Peter had eaten his lunch – what will/did you have for lunch?

What is your favourite dinner?

What can you see in the picture on page 9? Is it the countryside or a town? How do you know?

### Activities

Draw a large picture map of Gaspard's travels in the book – add in the buildings and features.



# Pages 10 & 11

### Discussion

Where is Gaspard now?

How many boats can you see?

Which is your favourite boat? Why?

What do we call these boats? Narrowboats/barges.

### **Activities**

Find out about canals and barges – what were they used for? What about now? Investigate the patterns that are painted on the boats and items on them.



# Pages 12 & 13

### Discussion

Can you see the people in the picture?

Do they like foxes?

How do you think Gaspard is feeling?

Oh dear, what happened to Gaspard?

Can you see all the rubbish on the floor?

#### **Activities**

Organise a local litter pick either around the school in your community or go to a beach litter pick.



# Pages 14 & 15

### **Discussion**

What is happening in this picture?

Are the people having fun? What can you see in this illustration?

Who is this on page 15?

It is Finty the dog – what is she wearing? Why does Gaspard not have a collar?

#### **Activities**

Make a collage of things that make you happy – draw, paint or collect pictures from magazines and catalogues.

Find out about pearly kings and queens.

What is the instrument one of the men is playing? It is an accordion — watch a video clip of accordion music.



### Pages 16 & 17

#### **Discussion**

What can you see on these pages?

Where are they now?

Is the man happy to see them?



### Pages 18 & 19

#### Discussion

Is Finty happy?

How many birds can you count on these pages?

What has happened to Gaspard?

Do you think foxes can swim?

### **Activities**

Fold paper to make fans or create zig-zag 3D collages.





# Pages 20 & 21

### **Discussion**

Gaspard is coming through the lock gates - do you see him?

Is the water moving quickly or slowly? Oh dear – what has happened now?

### Activities

Find out about ponds, rivers and seas and what lives in them – make a shoebox scene of each one to display.



# Pages 22 & 23

#### Discussion

Finty is Gaspard's new friend – who are your friends?

What adventure would you choose?

#### **Activities**

Explore floating and sinking – guess before experimenting then place them in sets of objects that float and sink.



# Pages 24 & 25

### **Discussion**

Repeat the word for the study of butterflies – lepidoptery.

Let's think of a list of words to describe a butterfly.

Who lives in the big house?

### **Activities**

Look at examples of greetings cards for friends - Make a card for a friend - think about what you would draw on it and what message you would put inside.

Ffrind is the Welsh word for friend. Amie (girl) or ami (boy) is the French word for friend.



# Pages 26 & 27

### Discussion

Oh dear – what is Peter's real name? Why did he pretend, do you think?

Can you see him winking? What does that mean?

Can you wink? Blink? Look astonished? Frightened?

### **Activities**

Move like the different animals and insects in the book.





# Pages 28 & 29

#### **Discussion**

Who is behind Gaspard?

What is he doing?

What has he dropped on the floor?

Do you think it was an accident?

### **Activities**

Look at and recognise the meaning of different emojis – create a new set that you can use in class /at home to help to discuss and explore feelings.



# Pages 30 & 31

#### **Discussion**

What time of day is it? How do you know?

Where do you think Gaspard is going now?

### **Activities**

Continue to practice movements by exploring statues – standing tall, crouching very small, spreading out wide etc.



# Pages 32 & 33

#### **Discussion**

Learn about the author and illustrator.

Read the fox facts and find out more by exploring the websites.

#### **Activities**

Use a paper plate to draw or stick what the children do at different times of the day - brushing teeth, breakfast, school, lunch, activities, home, teatime...



### Back cover

### **Discussion**

Talk about the information on the back cover.

Explain what a blurb is.

What do you think of the story? Write (scribe) your critique of the story.

Explain the ISBN number.

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