Rita series

Rita wants a Fairy Godmother

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Age: 3-5
Format: Paperback
Language: English
Size: 250 x 250mm
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Vocabulary
Fairy Godmother
Occasion
Embarrassing
Terrible
Ruin

Front cover
Discussion
Who do you see on the cover?
Where is Rita?
The title of the book is...
Whose names are under the title?
The author has written the book.
The illustrator has drawn the pictures.
What is Rita thinking?

Activities
Which other stories have a fairy godmother? Go on a book hunt for fictional characters.
Create paper flowers and arrange them in pots.

Inside spread
Discussion
What do you see here?
How do you think these marks were made?

Activities
Experiment to create different marks with a variety of brushes.
Dedication

Discussion
Sometimes the author will dedicate the book to someone – this one is dedicated to the author’s parents and Hollie Rose.

Describe the fairy godmother.

Activities
Find another book with a dedication.

Pages 4 & 5

Discussion
What can you see in the picture?
What is on the floor?
How is Rita feeling?

Activities
Do you leave your things everywhere?
What shapes do you see in the picture?

Pages 6 & 7

Discussion
Who do you see?
What does Rita think she needs?
What would you ask a fairy godmother to do for you?
Count the magic stars.

Activities
What other magical characters do we know about? Let’s find out and create a display.

Pages 8 & 9

Discussion
Where is Rita’s mother?
What pattern is on Rita’s jumper?
What about Mum’s blouse?

Activities
Look for patterns in magazines and old newspapers and create a pattern collage.
Create a spotty zebra or a stripey mouse.
**Pages 10 & 11**

**Discussion**
How many pictures of Rita do you see?
What is Rita doing? Eating.
What is your favourite snack?

**Activities**
Play a dress the teddy game or organise clothes into piles/pairs.

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**Pages 12 & 13**

**Discussion**
Can you see all of Rita’s costumes?
Which one is your favourite?

**Activities**
Make costumes from pieces of fabric and recycled paper – put on a fashion show.

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**Pages 14 & 15**

**Discussion**
Where are Rita’s friends playing?
How many are there?
Does Rita want to play?

**Activities**
Visit a local park or create a park from straws and plasticine for the small world.

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**Pages 16 & 17**

**Discussion**
Which shoes do we wear to play, jump in puddles, dance?

**Activities**
Decorate an old shoe with new patterns.
Create a shoe shop role play area.

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**Pages 18 & 19**

**Discussion**
Where is Rita in the picture?
Is she happy?

**Activities**
Investigate the clothes different people wear for their work.
Pages 20 & 21
Discussion
Who is in this picture with Rita?
What are they having for tea?
How many are there?
Activities
Create a recipe book – ask the children to bring their favourite recipes into school and create a book.

Pages 22 & 23
Discussion
What is Rita doing in the pictures?
Which of these is your favourite thing to do?
Activities
Ask the children for their ideas for new things to do indoors/outdoors.

Pages 24 & 25
Discussion
What is happening in the picture?
Is Rita happy?
Activities
Play different activities outdoors – crate baskets and boxes of resources for outdoor play.

Pages 26 & 27
Discussion
What story does this remind you of?
Who is Rita in this picture?
Activities
Create a wand to roleplay magical worlds.

Pages 28 & 29
Discussion
What is Rita thinking?
Activities
Create a feelings poem for the class.
We’re happy when...
Were sad when...
Were excited when...
Rita wants a Fairy Godmother

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