Storytelling on the move

Create a storytelling trail around your grounds

Great for...

• English speaking and language

Activity

- 1 Choose a story that can be told outside take an existing tale and adapt it to your site.
- **2** Divide the class into groups and the story into sections, and give each group one of the sections. Read through the sections out loud to determine the order in which to create the complete story.
- **3** Each group goes outside to decide where they can perform their section of the story. They should think about what makes a good setting, how the setting enhances the story, how they can add to their chosen location in terms of scenery, props or costumes.
- **4** Get the groups to rehearse their section of the story in their chosen location then perform each section in order, with the whole class following the story around the site.

What you need

- Copies of each section of your chosen story for the members of each group within the class
- A range of resources that could be used to develop the scenes or used as props (optional)
- Ideas and images of outdoor theatres to inspire the class

Preparation

- Select a suitable story with the children.
- Divide the story into sections that can be performed by individual groups in different areas of the ground.

Less challenging

- Choose which groups are going to perform each section of the story – some sections are likely to be more challenging than others.
- Work with the children to help them choose the space they are to work in.

More challenging

• The children could write their own story or develop their own versions of well-know tales such as The Three Little Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood or Hansel and Gretel.

Your notes

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Use this space to evaluate the activity



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