

STORY CLUB

BOUNCE
THEATRE

WANDSWORTH ARTS
FRINGE IN YOUR
LIVING ROOM
8-24 MAY



Hello!

Welcome to **STORY CLUB**.

STORY CLUB is for anyone who loves stories! Using the power of our imaginations, we will take ourselves on wild adventures, become superheroes and travel the world!

These books will give you lots of different ideas on how to make art

and stories. You can do a section at a time, or you can take different ideas from each bit.

This month, you can send us your stories and we will invite an actor to perform them for us and for Wandsworth Arts Fringe!

We can't wait to hear what you make!

Everyone at Bounce Theatre

ACTIVITY ONE – MAKE A POEM

This week we're excited to be thinking about nature and our local environment.

Can you write a poem about something from nature that you love? It could be something that grows like a tree, a leaf, or a flower. Something above us like the sky, the moon, or a cloud. Or something from the animal kingdom like a cat, a tiger, a bee, or a fish.

The poem doesn't have to rhyme. Here are some questions that might help you to make your poem:

- What does the subject of your poem look like?
- What colour is it?
- What shape is it?
- Is it big or small?
- How does it move?
- What does it sound like?
- What does it smell like?
- What does it do?
- How does it make you feel?

Once you've written your poem can you arrange your words into the shape of the subject? Here are some examples:

Leaf
Emerald
green
A spring gleam
Stalk, stem and veins
Gripping on to your tree
You eat light from the sun
Blowing in the wind, bobbing on a breeze
Smooth, under Autumn skies, you blush orange
Separate from your branches, dancing, floating, falling
Crunching, crisply under my feet
A carpet of
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tar
Pin prick
In the dark
Near and yet far
Gas and heat and energy
Light years away from me
A billion years of history, in the sky while we sleep
You make us make wishes, remind us we are mighty yet small
Spinning on a planet, orbiting on an axis
Somewhere in the universe
In this galaxy
That gathered in a big, big bang
Of particles of atoms
Glowing dust shimmering matter
We grew and stretched and
expanded becoming
So bright

ACTIVITY TWO – NATURE UNDER COVER

Did you know that there are 21 hidden rivers flowing underground in Greater London? The rivers were originally used to transport goods in and out of the city. But as London grew the rivers were built over, to create better hygiene and cleanliness and more room for buildings. These rivers still flow from underground into the River Thames, London's main river and one of the biggest in the UK. The River Thames is so long that it flows into the sea...so all of these smaller rivers all join into our seas, connecting people together. In some places if you listen carefully you can still hear the sound of the water flowing underground beneath our concrete streets!

Activity:

STEP ONE:

Imagine a local place in your neighbourhood. It could be a park, a shop, your local train station. Imagine you have suddenly discovered a hidden piece of nature below or above that place. Write down your idea.

For example:

- An underground forest underneath the train station
- A lake of fire behind Sainsbury's
- A beach inside your leisure centre

STEP TWO:

Write about the hidden nature in your neighbourhood.

You have now become an undercover reporter and you are going to write a newspaper article about the hidden place you've found in your local area. Newspaper articles explain real life events.

First choose the name of your newspaper. For example:

- The Hounslow Herald
- The Tia Times
- David's Daily News
- The Wandsworth Gazette

Now make a sign and logo for your newspaper. A logo is a symbol that an organisation or company uses, for example different football teams have a logo and your school might have one too. Your logo can look however you want it to, here are some examples of newspaper names and logos:



STEP THREE:

Make up your headline for your newspaper article. A headline is a short sentence at the top of your article that draws readers' attention and gives them an idea of what the rest of the story might be about. For example:

Read all about it - Librarian's surprise as sea of chocolate discovered underneath Tooting Library!

Secret meadow uncovered behind local shopping mall

Deckchairs at the ready as local school discovers beach beneath their hall!

Gorillas found sorting through local man's rubbish bins

STEP FOUR:

Now write your story. The sentences in a newspaper article are 1 to 2 lines long and they are written in the third person (not using 'I'). The sentences make up different paragraphs. We start a new paragraph when our idea changes.

Your newspaper article also needs:

A picture (you can draw it)

An interview with a made-up person who can tell readers more about the hidden nature they've found. We use quotation marks " " to show when someone is talking.

Here is an example for you: 

South London Times

Lava Palava

Volcano discovered underneath local football stadium

Story by Sharon

It was a normal Friday night for seven year old, Grace Brown. She had just finished training at her local football ground, the Wandsworth Wanderers, when she discovered something strange on the pitch.

"I was tying my shoelace when I noticed something on the ground. It was like a red syrup running along by my feet" Grace told our reporter. "I put my finger in it and realised it was hot. And that it tasted like fudge. The vanilla type".

Because it was fudge. What Grace had found was in fact, molten fudge lava, spewing from underground and on to the pitch.

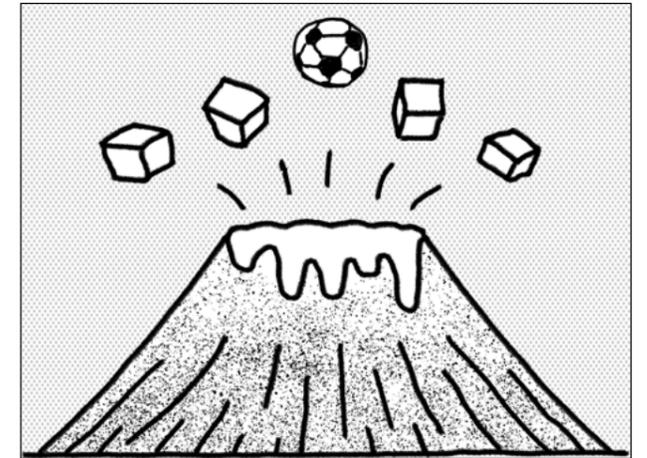
Wanderers Coach, Melanie Madden, called the fire brigade.

"I didn't know who else to contact", she said. "When the council brought the diggers, that's when we found the volcano."

Digging underneath the stadium, firefighters discovered that a volcano has been growing underneath the Wandsworth Wanderers' headquarters for an estimated 70 years. And the question on everyone's lips, 'why is the volcano erupting vanilla fudge?'

Local historian Brian Singh has the answer:

"The Wandsworth Wanderers stadium was



built on top of an old fudge factory that closed 100 years ago. What we didn't realise is that the factory was actually built on top of a volcano."

Scientists are now investigating the site to try and understand how the volcano has begun producing fudge. Meanwhile, the local council has started bottling the fudge and giving it out to residents to eat.

"It's the best fudge I've ever tried", said Wandsworth's Mayor, Sylvia McCloud. "We are hoping that we can sell it worldwide and use the proceeds to turn the volcano into a tourist attraction and nature reserve."

Meanwhile, the Wandsworth Wanderers received a surprising phone call from another London football club; Tottenham Hotspur. The club have offered their stadium as a training ground until the Wanderers can find a new home. For Grace Brown, training alongside England captain, Harry Kane, has been "pretty cool".

"It is nice to train with Harry and the team. It's not every day that you find a volcano spewing fudge lava in your local area so we're just glad to get back to normal and hopefully we can win the junior league".

Send us your stories - We'd love to see your articles, please send them to louise@bouncetheatre.com You can also send us a television report of your articles, please email us your videos!

MAKE YOUR HOME YOUR THEATRE

This week, we are thinking about puppets and theatre.

Things you might need:

- Cardboard
- Socks
- Paper
- Lollipop sticks / spoon
- Tape
- Pens

YOUR STAGE

We've provided you with a template to make your own puppet house here. You might need to stick this onto some cardboard. Maybe you could save a cereal box or reuse something in your house to help you? Otherwise, you could use a table, the back of a chair or your bed to make your show.

YOUR CHARACTERS

You could use Holly-Anne's cut outs to make puppets with. You could simply hold them up behind the stage. Or you could attach them onto a stick / support. You could make additional characters. Or, if you have some old socks, you could try sock puppets.

YOUR STORY

You could use your poems and reports to turn into a story. Or, make up something completely new! Imagine a tree could talk what would it tell the world!?

REHEARSING

Here are a few top tips for a good rehearsal!

What personality does your puppet have? Are they shy? Happy? Excited? How does your puppet move?

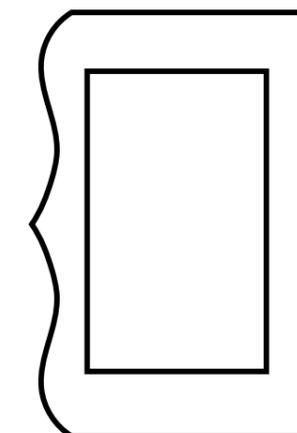
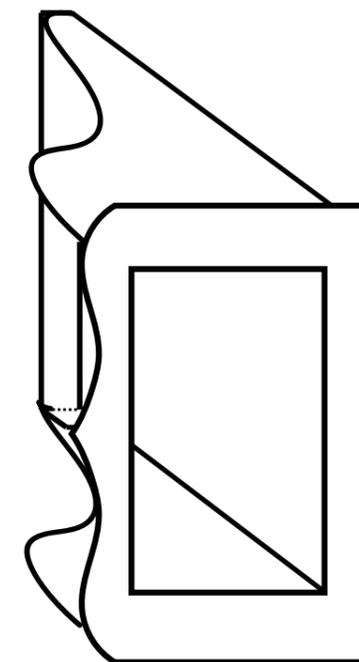
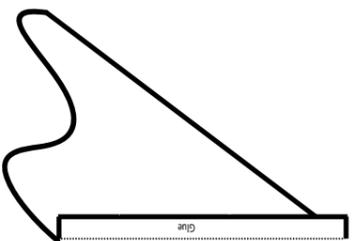
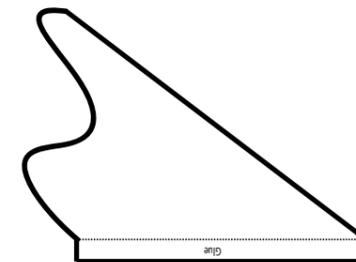
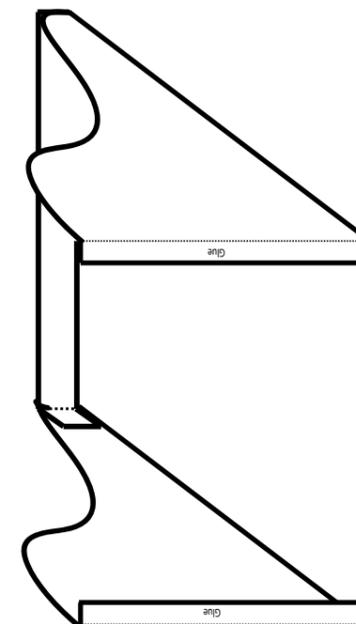
Practice making them:

- Hop, jog, run, slide, skate, jump
- *Climb, walk, creep, crawl*
- Limp, bounce, swing, sneak
- *Bow, peek, fly, swing*
- Point, clap, rub hands, wave
- *Yawn, sneeze, cry, cough*

Make sure you find your puppet's voice. How can you make their voice match their personality?

Keep your hands still when your puppet is talking

Keep quiet when your hands are moving

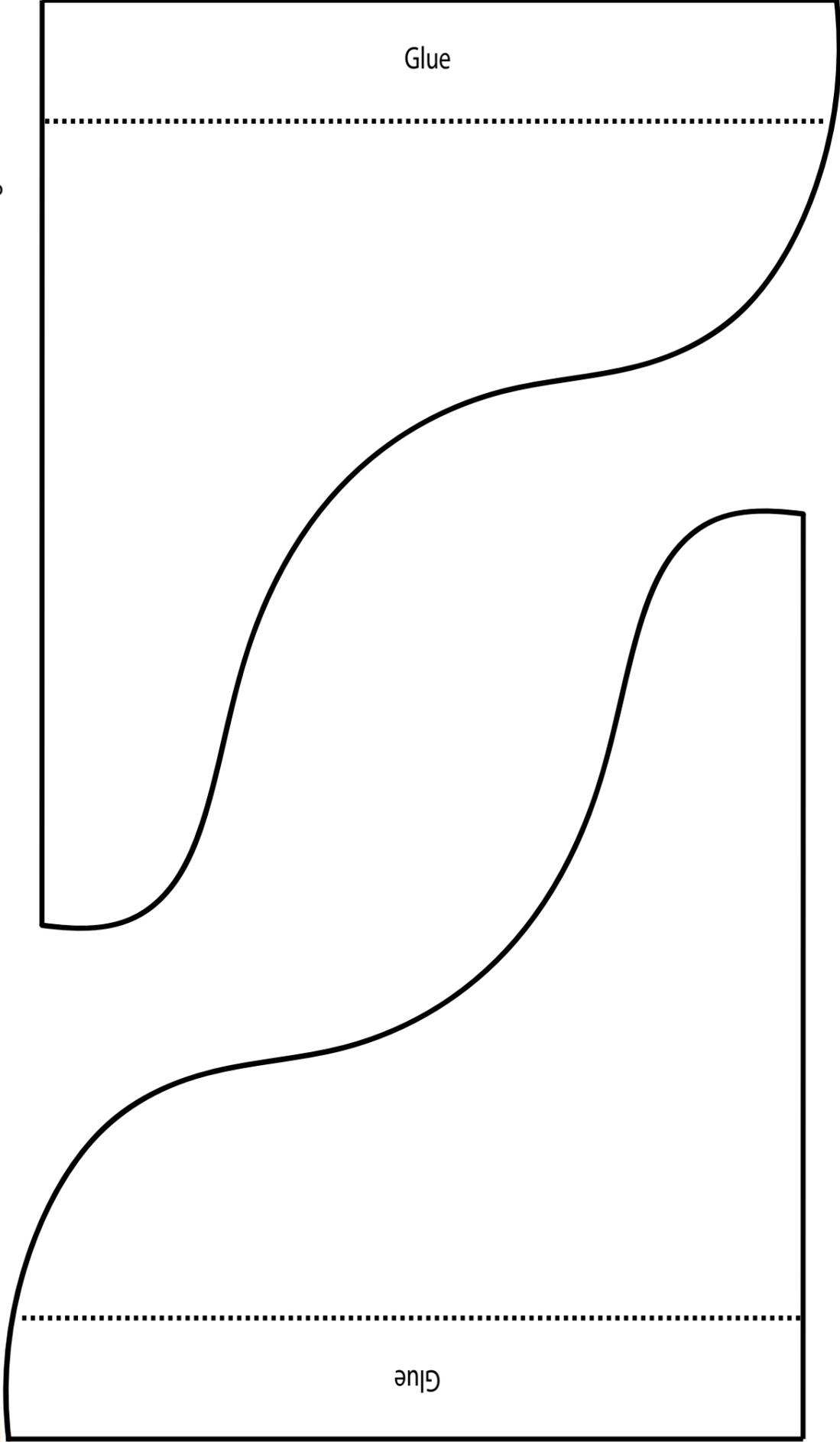


PUPPET THEATRE: INSTRUCTIONS

PUPPET THEATRE TEMPLATE: SIDES

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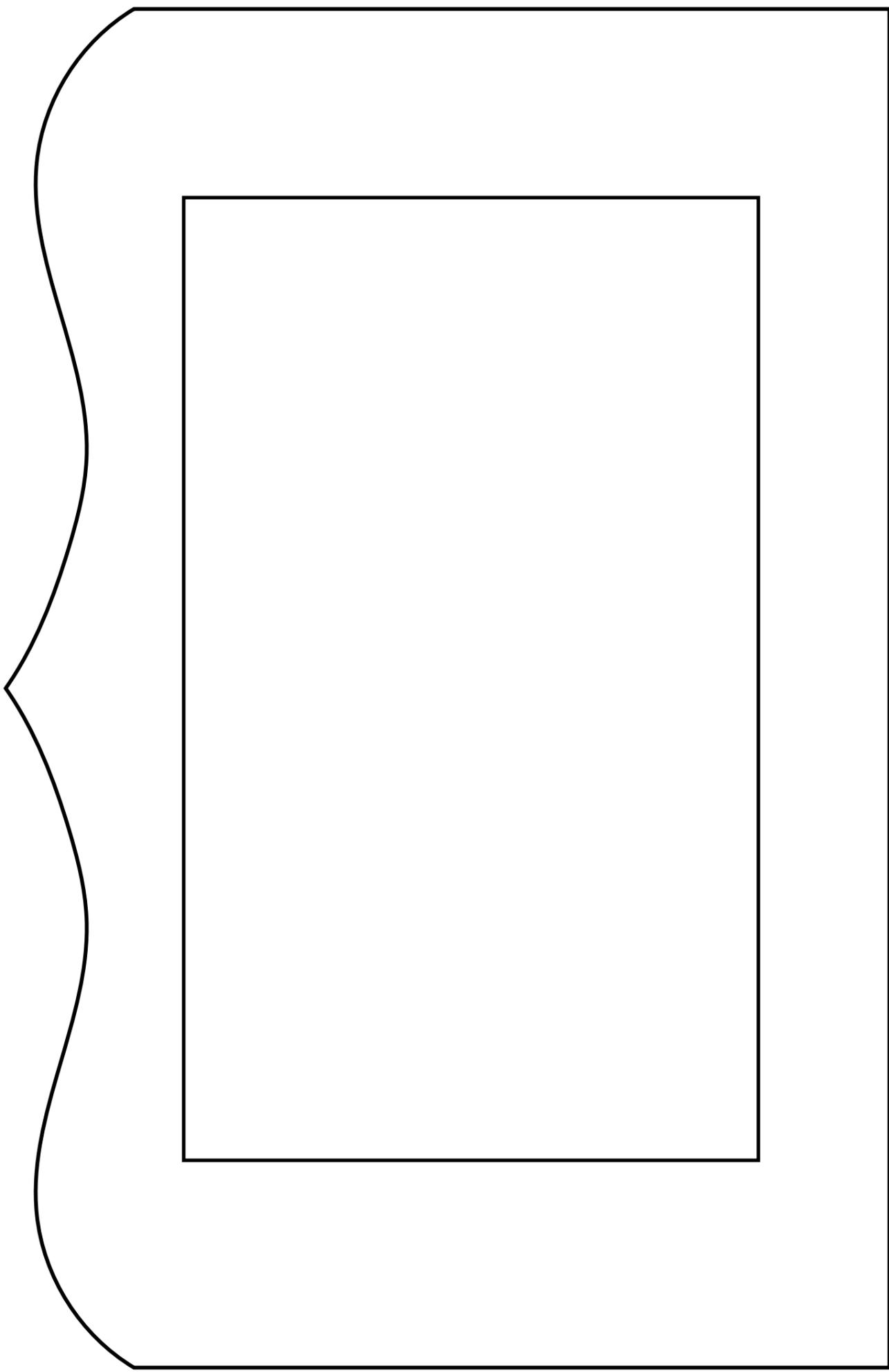
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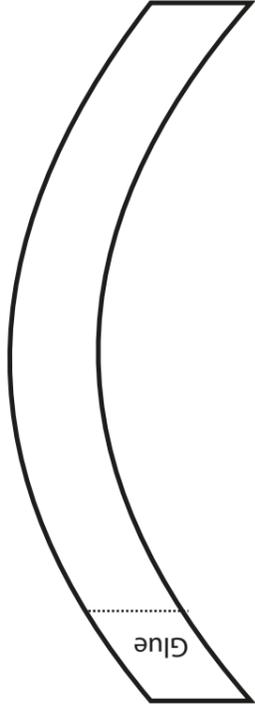
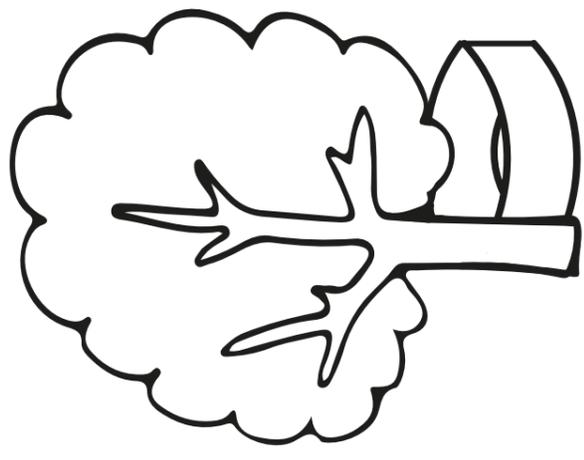
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FINGER PUPPETS: INSTRUCTIONS



FINGER PUPPETS: TEMPLATES



CREATIVE CHALLENGES



This week our creative challenges are all themed around the environment.



1. Go for a walk and find three good things you like about being outdoors.

2. Save three things that you might normally throw away and turn them into a piece of art.



3. Have a walk outside, collect leaves and sticks, etc. that might have fallen on the floor. Can you arrange them into a piece of art?

4. Collect as many green and blue things as you can from around your house. Arrange them into a picture of the Earth.



5. Stand outside and have a dance.

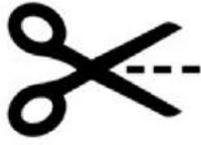
6. Build your own Museum of Nature. Collect sticks, leaves, recycled materials and arrange them into a picture. You could make cards to tell people why your objects are important.



WHAT JOB DO THEY DO TO LOOK AFTER THE WORLD?



Collagism CUT-OUTS



CREATE YOUR OWN PUPPET SHOW BY CUTTING OUT THESE FUN COLLAGISM CHARACTERS AND MAKING THEM COME ALIVE IN THE PUPPET SHOW THEATRE!



Don't forget to send us your stories and pictures so we can see your wonderful work!
email: lauren@bouncetheatre.com Whatsapp: 07980210705
We read out all the stories & show the pictures online every Friday to celebrate **STORYCLUB**