

# Margot's Magical Winter Wonderland Party

## Learning Resources - Guidance for Adults

Our learning resources have been developed with practising primary school teachers and aim to further enrich the experience offered by our shows. We link key themes and elements from the performance to classroom activities and National Curriculum objectives, allowing children to make links, interact with the show and enjoy a multi-dimensional learning experience.

### English - Party Invitation Activity

Suitable for Reception-Year 2

This activity can be used either before or after the children watch the show.

Show the children Margot's invitation and read through together. You could ask the children what they enjoy about parties and to share memories of any special parties they have been to in the past. Explain that we are going to write a reply to Margot (it might be worth pointing out that we can all attend her party as we are all going to watch the show!). There is an example reply included in the activity pack, or you might prefer to do a modelled/shared write together.

There are two versions of the reply sheet included, one with sentence starters and one blank.

### Maths - Sorting Activity

Suitable for Reception-Year 1

This activity is aimed to develop children's motor skills, numerical ordering skills and their mathematical fluency ability to identify which amounts are smaller and larger).

Children cut out the numbered pictures which all link to the show's themes, and then stick them down in the correct order in the blank squares at the bottom.

### Maths - Margot's Maths Mat

Suitable for Year 1-Year 2

This is a great activity to strengthen children's mathematical recall, problem solving and as a spot of revision for the end of term!

Each problem on the mat links to a KS1 maths objective. Children can work through the problems independently, with talk partners, with an adult or in small groups depending on ability.

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### Drama Activities

Suitable for Reception-Year 2

The activities and games are all designed to spark imagination and creativity, whilst teaching key skills such as public speaking, focus and teamwork. Choose what suits your set-up best – there is no need to use all the activities or do them in a certain order, use the list to pick and choose a little of what you fancy! No specific drama training is needed to lead these activities and games so don't be afraid to adapt to suit your setting and children.

### Music Activities

Suitable for Reception-Year 2

Whether you choose to do both activities or just choose one, you will be able to encourage children to use musical language, describe how music makes them feel and if in the classroom, create cross-curricular links. For example, creating a playlist could link in with a PSHE lesson about how our different cultures use music in celebrations and parties, and creating weather specific soundscapes ties in with the science around seasonal change. No specific music training is needed in order to lead these activities so get stuck in and make some noise!

### Art & Design Activity

Suitable for Reception-Year 2

We use puppetry throughout 'Margot's Magical Winter Wonder Party' as a theatrical device, allowing us to add detail into Margot's story and create interest for audiences. Puppets are a great way to introduce children to theatre and storytelling, and allowing them to create their own puppets into artistic flair and creativity! The stick puppets we recommend are very simple to make, allowing children the maximum amount of time to design and decorate their own version. You could ask them to create themselves in puppet form, or to make Margot, or dress their puppet up in a special party outfit! There's plenty of flexibility within the activity for adults to put their own spin on it.