

Margot's Magical Winter Wonder Party

Drama activities

These drama activities and games are designed to link with our show. No special equipment or resources are needed - just a good sense of fun and a lively imagination! They can be adapted to use for small or large groups of children.

Warm-ups

- **Hello!**

Ask the children to walk around greeting each other. At first allow them to do this however they feel comfortable (probably with a wave, or saying 'Hello!' or 'Hi!'). Then, ask the children to greet each other in a specific way. Here are some example options:

- Greet someone you are excited to see.
- Greet someone like they are a long lost friend
- Greet someone who smells really bad!
- Greet someone like you are very sad
- Greet each other like you are very scared!
- Greet someone like you are very cold
- Greet someone like you are very old
- Greet someone like a cat.

- **Dancing names**

Have the children stand in a circle. Explain to the children that Margot's party is going to involve lots of dancing so we need to get our moves ready! Tell the children they will step into the circle one by one and spell their first name in the air using their body parts (younger children could do their initials and adult can choose the body part!). The body parts they need to use must go in order from top to bottom: 1st Letter: Head 2nd Letter: Arm 3rd Letter: Hips 4th Letter: Knee 5th Letter: Foot (then repeat if there are more than 5 letters).

- **Party time!**

This is a great game to get children excited! Tell the children that when you shout different commands, they have to perform different actions. Practice the first four to begin with and then add in some of the others.

Spring- everyone runs to the left of the room

Summer- everyone runs to the right of the room

Autumn- everyone runs to the back of the room

Winter- everyone runs to the front of the room

Birthday - stop and sing the first line of 'Happy Birthday to you!' to the nearest person

Simon the Grumpy Cat - drop to the floor and miaow loudly!

Holiday - arms out like a plane and run around the space.

Football match - stop and shout 'SCORE!'

Halloween - jump and shout 'BOO!'

Party Time! - perform your best disco dancing moves!

Speaking and Listening

• Tongue-Twisters

Get the children to sit in a circle and tell them we are going to warm up our mouths and voices so that we are all ready for the party. Say these tongue twisters and allow them to repeat them back to you.

- Margot mixes a box of mixed biscuits with a boxed biscuit mixer.
- Simon, sleeps, snoozes and snores as snowflakes settle!
- Wonderful winter wonder party!
- Marvellous Magical Margot
- Blue bubble

• Shopping List

Get the children to sit in a circle. One by one they should get up and mime pushing a trolley round the outside of the circle. When they get back to their seat, the other children say, "What are you bringing to Margot's Party?" and the player replies with an item of food/party supplies (e.g sweets, party hats etc. Encourage the player to mime what they are bringing, and to use their imagination - they could bring nice things (e.g strawberry flavoured ice cream cake) or something horrid (e.g slime and snail sandwiches!)

Creative

• Margot's Paintings

Lots of Margot's plans had to be cancelled this year because of the virus. So, to cheer herself up she decided to paint pictures of what she imagined the activities would look like. Tell the children that in small groups (4-5) they will be making Margot's pictures using their bodies in a freeze-frame. Each group should have a different 'painting' to create based on a moment from the show. Here's some ideas.

- Birthday party
- Going on a plane
- Going on holiday to the beach
- Going to a wedding
- Football match
- Having a picnic
- Trick or treating at Halloween
- Decorating for Christmas
- Margot's Winter Wonder Party

Once their paintings are created, explain that we are now going to look at the paintings at Margot's Mini Art Gallery. Each group should show their 'painting' freeze-frame and the other children are invited to guess which activity the painting is showing.

Older children could be challenged by their painting briefly coming to life when the adult gives a signal!

Party Games

These classic party games are always popular with children and just the sort of thing that Margot would play at her Winter Wonder Party!

- **Simon's Sleeping!**

This is a twist on Grandmother's Footsteps! Choose one child to be Simon, Margot's Grumpy cat. Explain that Simon is very grumpy and doesn't want to join in with Margot's party, so he has gone for a snooze instead. 'Simon' must sit on a chair at the front of the room with his back to the children and 'go to sleep' with his eyes closed. The rest of the children line up at the other end of the room and must sneak towards Simon whilst he sleeps. When Simon wakes up and turns around, the children must freeze! If Simon catches any of them moving, they must go back to the start. The winner is the first child to reach Simon. The winner then becomes Simon for the next round. Older children can be challenged by putting obstacles in their way - for example dot some chairs around the space that they have to avoid, or sit on before they reach Simon, a few hats that they must put on and take off before they reach him or a table that they must either go under or over on their way to him!

- **Margot's Musical Statues**

Play some music and let the children show off their best moves! When the music stops, they must freeze. Anyone who moves is out. One child could be chosen to play Margot who looks out for any moving statues!