



Title: Wild About Halloween

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Publisher: Larrikin House

Target Age Group: 3-8 years

Key Curriculum Areas: The Arts, English, HASS, Technologies.

KEY CURRICULUM LINKS

Learning Areas:

The Arts:

Foundation-Year 2: ACADRM027, ACAVAM107, ACAVAM108.

English:

Foundation: ACELA1439, ACELT1580, ACELT1570, ACELY1646, ACELT1575.

Years 1&2: ACELT1585, ACELT1582, ACELT1581.

HASS:

Foundation: ACHASSK012, ACHASSI008.

Years 1&2: ACHASSI018, ACHASSK029, ACHASSK033.

Design & Technologies:

Foundation-Year 2: ACTDEP007, ACTDEP009.

General Capabilities:

- Critical and Creative Thinking

SYNOPSIS

The spooky season has arrived. Tomorrow's Halloween!

I think I'll have a party – The scariest you've seen!

When the whole family is **WILD** about Halloween, how will they choose the perfect party theme?

The second book in the Wild About series, *Wild About Halloween* is a joyous, fun-filled romp filled with creativity, being yourself, family and celebrating the **WILDEST** Halloween ever!

USING THESE NOTES

These teachers notes and suggested activities have been organised under the Australian Curriculum and are based on themes explored in the story, *Wild About Halloween*. Activity sheets are provided for classroom use and are best suited to years F to 2.

Further resources and activities are available from larrikinhouse.com.au

THEMES

Halloween

Dress Ups

Celebrations

Being Creative

Family

Traditions

Imagination

Diversity



ACTIVITIES

BEFORE READING

Questions to ask:

1. What do you think this story might be about?
2. Can you point out the following features of the book?
(Spine, title, illustration, front page, back page, blurb, end papers).

DURING READING

Questions to ask:

1. Have you heard about Halloween?
2. What do you know about Halloween?
3. Have you ever dressed up in costumes?
4. Does anyone you know celebrate Halloween? How might they do this?
5. Have you or someone in your family ever experienced things similar to the characters in the story?
6. Why do you think Halloween is important?
7. Can you make any connections to the story so far?
(ACELT1575) (ACELY1646) (ACELT1582) (ACPPS020) (ACPPS004)

AFTER READING

Questions to ask:

1. What did you enjoy most about the story?
2. What did you like about the different characters? Why?
(ACELY1646) (ACELT1581)





SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

1. Cloze passages: Choose a section of text and omit words. Students to fill in the blanks.

Curriculum Links: (ACELA1435) (ACELA1434) (ACELA1786) (ACELY1650) (ACELA1447) (ACELA1448)

2. Word Search: Create a word search using words from the text.

Curriculum links: (ACAMAM054) (ACAMAM056) (ACELY1663) (ACELA1586) (ACTDEP007) (ACELY1653)

3. Retell Activities:

a. Create a table with the following headings: Setting (Where?) - Characters (Who?) - Problem (What?) - 1. In the beginning - 2. Next - 3. Then - 4. Finally - 5. Solution - 6. Lastly. Ask students to write or draw the order of events in the story.

b. Write short sentences which retell the story and jumble them up. Ask students to put them in the correct order.

Curriculum Links: (ACELT1578) (ACAMAM054) (ACAMAM056) (ACELY1663) (ACELA1586) (ACTDEP007)

4. Acrostic Poem: Students write an acrostic poem based on Halloween.

Curriculum Links: (ACELY1651) (ACAMAM056)

5. Write a blurb: Explore the existing blurb on the back cover. Explain the purpose of the blurb to the students and ask them to create their own blurb.

Curriculum Links: (ACELY1651) (ACELA1586)

6. Information Poster: Create a group poster about the history of Halloween. Where did it all start?

Curriculum Links: (ACAMAM054) (ACELT1581) (ACELT1582) (ACHASSI001) (ACHASSI002) (ACHASSI003)

7. Witches Brew: Make a class potion by mixing some jelly in a large cauldron. Let it cool slightly and pour it into clear plastic cups. Place chocolate frogs, lolly eyeballs, snakes and teeth to complete your brew. Make witches hats out of black cardboard and think up some fun spells to cast over the year sixes or maybe even the principal!

Curriculum Links: (ACTDEP007) (ACTDEP009)

8. Jack-O-Lantern: Create different designs for pumpkin carving. Choose a couple of the best designs to create a carving or two to put in the window of the classroom.

Curriculum Links: (ACAVAM108) (ACTDEP009)

9. Dress Ups & Costumes: Plan a class costume party and design the outfit you would like to wear. Will it be spooky or scary or fun?

Curriculum Links: (ACADRM027)

10. Fairy Garden: Create a fairyland reading corner by creating a large cardboard toadstool with a doorway. Place books, wings and props inside so students can be fairies and trolls.

Curriculum Links: (ACAVAM108) (ACADRM027)

11. Halloween Cooking Class: Make some animal cupcakes or fairy bread or any other food item from the story to share: Using a recipe, learn all about procedures!

Curriculum Links: (ACTDEP007) (ACTDEP009)

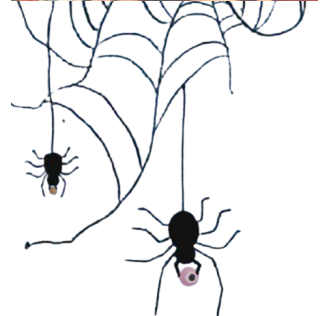


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FURTHER INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

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