

Winnie the Pooh Day/Week

Celebrate Winnie the Pooh Day by having fun, related activities either for the day or across the week.

On 18 January 1882, the creator of Winnie the Pooh was born. A.A. Milne has created many children's characters and is the author of many books. Each year there is a Winnie the Pooh Day celebrated on the date of the author's birth.

Learning aims

- Listen to stories with interest
- Extend learning through story-related activities such as a teddy bear picnic and Pooh sticks
- Share ideas with parents to extend the home learning environment.

Resources

- Winnie the Pooh stories
- Printed photos
- Teddy bears
- Sticks (water tray or local park/stream, where possible)
- Computer/tablet to search for lots of facts about Winnie the Pooh and friends
- Tablet/television – to share some short clips of the programme too.



Activity Outline

1. Share Winnie the Pooh books, quotes, photos and short online clips
2. Talk about the characters and some of the meanings behind them
3. Talk about the different feelings of the characters and how they made one another feel
4. Use the internet to find out lots of facts about them e.g. how old is Pooh, what does Pooh like to eat? Where is the Hundred Acre Wood?
5. Plan a teddy bear picnic for snack/lunchtime. Use nursery teddies to prevent cross-contamination with teddies from home and to prevent children's own teddies from getting lost.

If your setting is close to a stream, you could also take a small group of children to play a game of 'Pooh Sticks' (this would need to be carefully risk assessed):

- Each child chooses a stick and remembers the shape of it
- Then, standing on a bridge, everyone drops the sticks into a river (or flowing body of water)
- The child whose stick is first visible on the other side of the bridge wins.

Alternatively, you could do a similar activity using smaller sticks/items in a water tray. Together with the children, you could discuss how to make currents faster and slower using different containers too.

Extending the activity

- Share photos of your Winnie the Pooh day/week with parents and encourage them to get involved at home too, send them links to short clips and stories
- Encourage them to try playing 'Pooh Sticks' over the weekend (where possible/appropriate).

Special considerations

For younger children, enjoy sharing the books with them. Ask if anyone has any of the soft toys to enhance this further (ensure they are clean and quarantined where required).