

Talk4Meaning

Storytelling with a difference.....

TOM'S NINE LIVES

An interactive story experience to help children discuss death and bereavement.

For children aged 4 to 11.

'The way in which children and young people are treated when someone important in their life dies has a profound effect on their future ability to manage their own lives. School has a very important role to play in this.'

The Child Bereavement Charity

From the day Tom the cat was discovered, as a young kitten stuck up a tree, he has been very accident-prone. His animal friends become very concerned as he gets into various scrapes and uses up one 'life' after another. As he gets older he starts to feel very tired and becomes a bit forgetful. One day he goes for a long walk and doesn't come back...

An interactive story with puppets, lots of action, humour and plenty of audience participation. Ideal as a foundation for discussion about death and bereavement: as an end in itself, and as part of the PSHCE curriculum.

"Ideal as a foundation for us to explore this sensitive issue with individual children and the school as a whole." Head Teacher, London.

Some comments about 'Frog and the Stranger' and 'Watch Out For the Badgers!'

- "A great message, put over powerfully." Assistant Head, Herts.
- "The whole school is still talking about the show, three weeks later." Advisory teacher, Herts TES
- "Perfect for children learning English as an additional language. Mario has just started to learn English, yet he was totally animated throughout." EMA Teacher, Westminster
- "A sensitive issue dealt with in a fun way". TA, Norwich.
- 'Our children with EAL were completely absorbed in your thought-provoking story.' Teacher, Norwich.
- "Seriously funny." Wahid, Luton

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