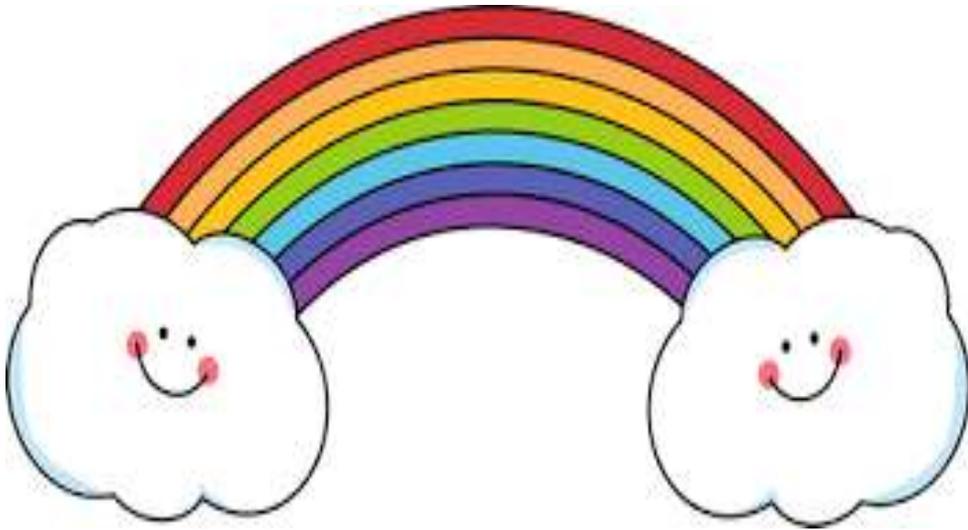


**Additional Session Activities to
Accompany "The Rainy Day"**



Rainy Day Activities:

There are a number of exciting rainy day themed activities that can be run in addition to the story 'The Rainy Day'.

Craft Activity:

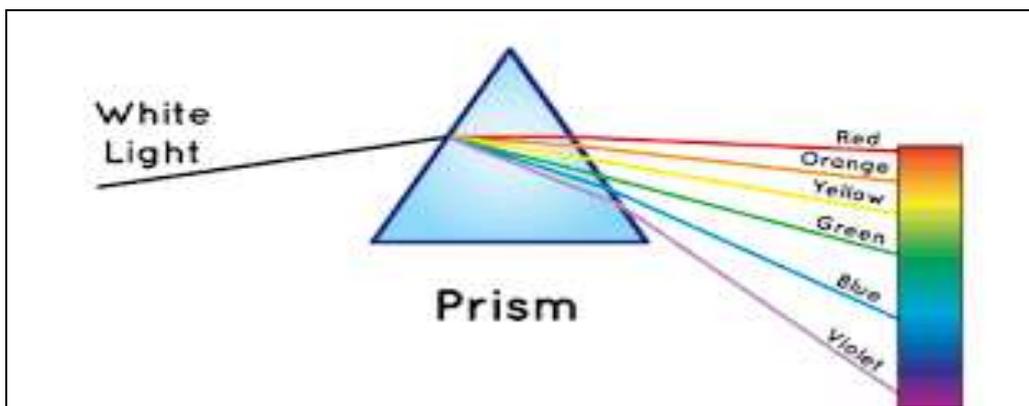
The children can decorate their very own bug catcher with pens, bugs and flowers. We will then have our own outdoor bug hunt to see if we can find some of the creatures we found in the story (the children will each have a sheet of bugs to try and find). If we find snails we can also have our very own snail race! The price is £1.50 per child and the activity will take approx. 1 hour.



Science Experiments:

Why do we get rainbows?

At the end of "The Rainy Day" story we find a rainbow. Children are always curious to find out how rainbows are made. We start with a practical where children initially create a single beam of white light. They will then use a prism to create the colours of the rainbow. I then demonstrate to the children why this happens. The children will help discover what elements are required to make a rainbow. They are given different coloured caps and asked to move at the same speed to demonstrate white light and different speeds to demonstrate the different colours that make up white light. The combination of practical work and visual demonstrations used in this session help children to understand exactly what is going on when we see a rainbow. Cost £1 per child.



Exploring the properties and uses of different materials using the “magic flower experiment”:

Children will be presented with 6 different materials which they have to cut into a flower shape. These will include; foil, card, paper towel, toilet paper, paper and sugar paper.

The children will make and record observations about the different materials. Are they hard? soft? stretchy? bendy? shiny? rough?. The children will then fold the flowers and put them onto a saucer of water. They will record how long it takes for the flower to unfold.

The children will put the materials in order from the shortest to the longest length of time it took for the flower to unfold. We then have a demonstration to explain why the flower unfolds using the children to play the parts of the flower and water.

The children discuss what the materials which absorbed the most water could be used for and what the non-absorbent materials could be used for. The cost for this session is £1 per child.

