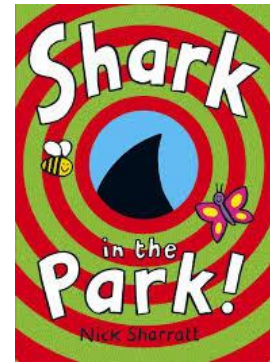


Book of the week: **Shark in the Park**

Written by Nick Sharratt. Illustrated by Nick Sharratt. Published by Corgi Childrens



Story link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjw2mLboml8>

This week's story is all about a boy who gets a new telescope and takes it to the park to see what he can see.

After you have listened to or read the book, if you have it, try some of the following to help with maths and literacy:

- Literacy: Play I Spy games using starting letters and phonics sounds eg I spy something that starts with A or sh - shoe
- Maths: If you go to a park, are in your garden or look out of your window, can you count some things you can see eg birds, trees, houses, cars
- Maths: collect things from the park or your garden in a bag or box. Take them home and explore them. Can you sort the items? Maybe place all if the sticks together, all of the stones together. Perhaps you could sort them into long and short items or big and small items. Can you count the different items?
- Literacy: have a listen to this nature sound lotto. Can you match the pictures to the sounds? <https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/letters-and-sounds-environmental-sounds-lotto-6037797>

Through the week you could also try some of the following ideas:

1. Let's Make

- Make a telescope using cardboard tubes and see what you can see through it - can you see anything that looks like a shark fin?



- Can you make a shark mask? Here are some ideas

2. Let's get messy

- Can you paint a picture of a park or a shark. If you are painting a park you could stick some things on you might find eg leaves, grass, bird feathers etc
- Use the items collected for your maths nature bag or box to make a picture. Will you make a shark, a park or something completely different?
- Can you decorate or paint some of your collected items? Can you use them to paint with? What happens if you paint them and drop them, or roll them across some paper?

3. Let's get moving

- Do the baby shark dance <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R93ce4FZGbc>
- Can you do some shark yoga. Here are some poses for things beginning with S, including shark: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rtC2qADkBuU>
- Visit the local park if you can. Have a walk, a jog or a roll down the hill. Maybe there is a nature trail to follow? I hope there isn't a shark on your park!

4. Let's take turns

- Play I spy when you are in the park, take it in turns to spot things – you could use your telescope.
- Play a shark game, one person is the shark and has to try and catch the other person or people. Take turns being the shark. You could have a safe space you need to reach to get away from the shark.

Here are some links to songs or other resources that can also link into the story that you might want to look at:

Drawing sharks and other undersea creatures with Nick Sharratt:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ANIJMRYeMlw>

A Shark in the Park puppet show: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V2A-sdmAUTO>