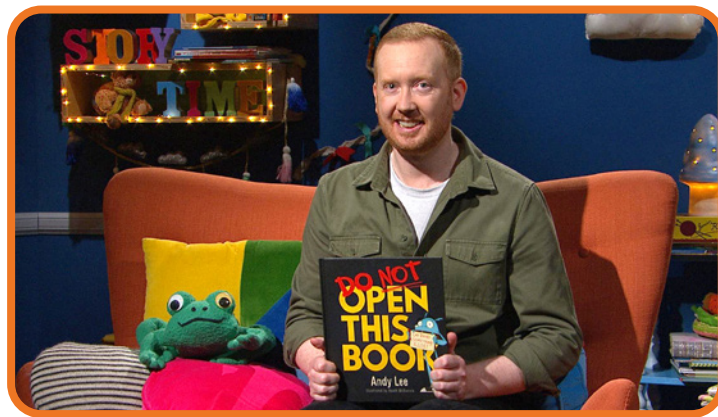


Play School
Story Time
PlayWorld



Ideas for parents and carers

In this episode of Play School Story Time, Luke McGregor shares 'Do Not Open This Book' by Andy Lee & Heath McKenzie.

Get ready for giggles as you read this story and find out the consequences of turning the page.

This PlayWorld supports:

STEM learning
Measurement and transformation.

Connection to the natural world and a curiosity about science. It also fosters empathy and working together as a team.



STEP 1: View/read and reflect

As you read, look for clues about how the frog is feeling. Build the suspense in the story. This helps with self-regulation and naming feelings.

STEP 2: Plan your play

Prepare these items:

- A broom or magic carpet for travel.
- Potion making props like pots, test tubes and different ingredients.
- A toy frog.
- A letter written to your child from the frog -

A witch turned me into a frog! I need to find her so she can teach us to make a magic potion to turn me back into a monster. Can you help?



STEP 3: Go on your adventure

- Start the adventure as yourselves. Jump on your broom and explore the world from above.

- Notice all the different forms of water: creeks, rivers and snow. Fly through mist and notice it starts to hail.
- You see a witch's castle on the horizon and zoom there for shelter.

STEP 5: Learn through play

Make your magic potion by measuring ingredients. Include melted snow in the recipe. How will you melt it? How did it change? Talk about measurements.

When the potion is finished use it to turn your frog back into a monster, jump on your brooms and return home.



STEP 4: Encounter a problem

Land at the castle and find the letter from the frog. Explore the castle to find the witches' lab.

Decide who will be the witch. The other person explains the problem and asks for help. The witch knows the recipe.



Why this learning matters

This PlayWorld helps children develop understandings about the mathematical concept of measurement, and the scientific concept of chemical transformations as snow turns into liquid.

Naming, recognising and regulating emotions is important for children's wellbeing and helps them play and communicate with others.

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