



A Wild Wind

INTRODUCTION

People often talk about the wind as if it were alive. How would you imagine the wind to look?

Wind can be fun. It can be helpful but it can be very dangerous as well. We are lucky that we do not get very bad storms here. We get wild winds but they are not usually dangerous.

A story about a mischievous wind might be fun to tell.

Have you ever heard the story about the competition between the sun and the wind? The wind boasted that he was the strongest.

In the end, the sun and wind saw a man walking along, far below on the earth. They decided that the winner would be the first to make the man take his coat off.

The wind thought this would be easy. "I can just blow his coat away" boasted the wind. But the harder the wind blew the tighter the man held onto his coat. As the wind blew, the man did up all the buttons and turned up the collar.

At last it was the turn of the sun. As the sun shone brighter and hotter, the man began to feel too warm. He undid his coat and then finally took it off.

The sun had won the competition and beaten the boastful wind.

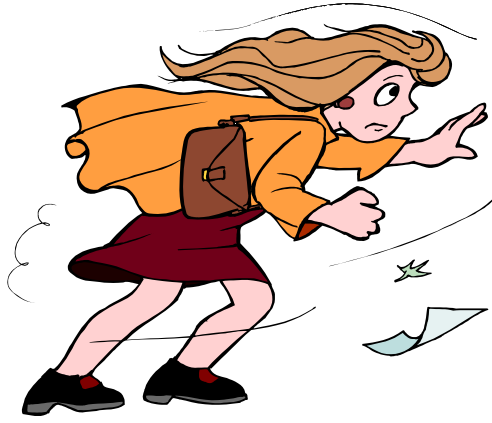
Follow up

Science may include:

- Collections of wind powered items (pictures and actual)
- Wind measurement and direction
- Exploration of wind effects, erosion, waves, etc
- Making models of wind powered machines
- Windproof fabric exploration

Poetry:

- Wind is a popular subject for poetry because of the powerful effect of something that cannot, in fact, be seen. Wind poetry can help to teach about alliteration and onomatopoeia
- Try using the sound of the wind as a starting point for poetry.



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Author _____

Scribe _____

A Wild Wind!



What a wild wind!
What will it do now?

Story ideas

Have you ever tried to go for a walk in a really strong wind?
The wind feels as though it is trying to push and pull you around.

Sometimes it feels as though it might sweep you up and away into the clouds.

Go for a walk on a very windy day.

What do you see?

What are the clouds like?

Is there any sun?

What is happening to the trees?

What do you hear?

How does the wind sound?

How do the trees sound?

What else can you hear?

What do you feel?

How does it feel to walk in the wind?

What happens if the wind is behind you?

What happens if the wind is blowing towards you?

Now imagine the wind blows wilder.

What strange adventures do you have?

What do you see, and hear, and feel?

Story idea 2

Imagine you are the wind. One day you wake up in a bad mood. You are tired of being helpful, sailing boat and drying washing. You decide that today you will make mischief.

Write about your mad day.

Are you ready scribes?

Are you ready Authors?

No-one can see the wind but we talk about it as if it were alive.

We say the wind

- moans, or groans
- howls or growls
- whines or whistles
- murmurs or whispers
- shrieks or hoots

The wind can be in a good mood or a bad mood.

It can

- chase the clouds,
- dry the washing,
- play with a kite
- sail a boat

or

- whip up wild waves
- swirl and whirl the washing away