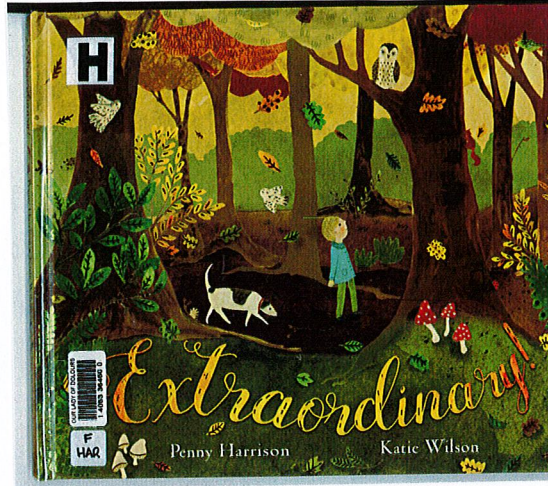


Extraordinary!

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'Extraordinary!' is a gentle story about reaching for the stars and being extraordinary..... but remembering the things that are ordinary too.

'Extraordinary!' lets us think about the best moments in life: the ones we share with friends and family. They may be simple, they may be ordinary, but they are moments we will cherish forever.

As you're reading the story, think about

- the difference between extraordinary things and ordinary things.
- which is your favourite 'extraordinary' thing in the story?
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The following activities are attached for you to use:

- a writing activity (must complete today)
- a nature craft activity – rock painting
- a nature collage
- a craft activity – fireworks in a jar

If you don't have the resources at home for all of these art & craft activities, maybe you could organise to collect them over the next few days and do some of these activities later in the week.

WRITING ACTIVITY

What kind of words are used in the story to describe extraordinary moments?

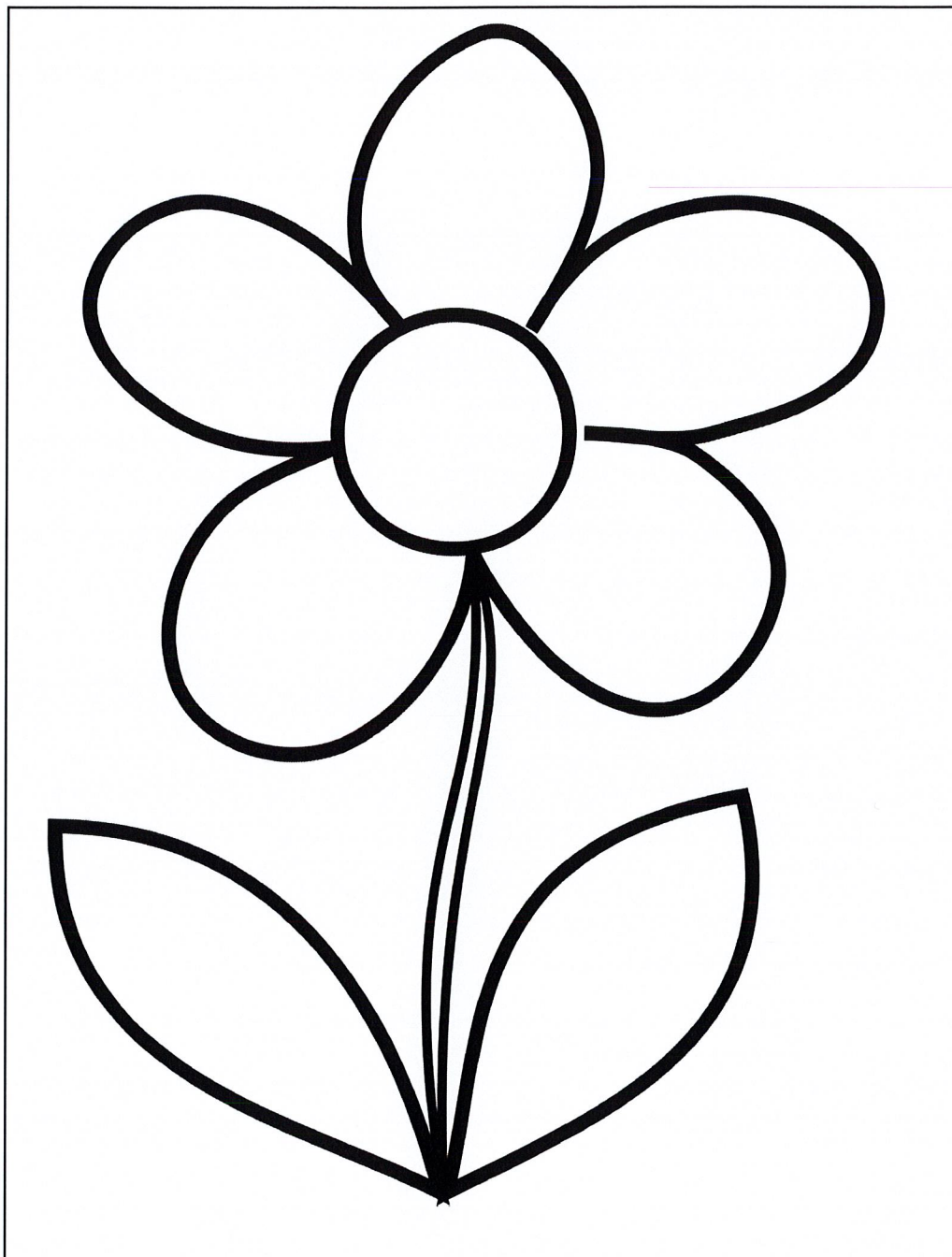
Can you think of any other words to use? Make a list of 10 words below.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Now that you've had a think about the different words to describe the extraordinary, can you write about one of your own extraordinary moments? Think about why it felt extraordinary, where you were and who was with you.

Nature Collage

Using leaves, twigs, petals or anything else you can find outdoors, fill in the flower below. Glue your items down in any pattern you like.



NATURE CRAFT

The extraordinary can be found everywhere but it is particularly obvious in nature. Here are a couple of activities that are both creative and encourage children to explore the natural world.

Rock Painting

What you will need:

Rocks (if they have a smooth surface they will be easier to paint)

Acrylic paints

Paint brush

Water

Instructions

This is a relatively simple activity, after you've collected your rocks you can get right on to painting whatever you would like on them. For an added layer of complexity, you could create story rocks and use the characters or scenes painted on the rocks to create a narrative.



CRAFT ACTIVITY

Fireworks in a jar

The extraordinary can blaze and bloom across the sky in the form of fireworks. Why not try this experiment to see some fireworks inside?

What you will need:

An empty glass jar
Two/three tablespoons of oil
Various food colourings
Warm water

Instructions

1. Fill the bottle about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way with warm water.
2. Add a layer of oil on top. Depending on the size of your jar, you may need more or less oil.
3. Carefully drop some of each food colouring into the jar.
4. Now just watch the colours unfurl in the water!



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