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RED NOSE DAY

EARLY YEARS LEARNING RESOURCES



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HOORAY!

We're thrilled to partner with Bluey for Red Nose Day 2023 and to be bringing you stacks of Bluey themed fundraising ideas, resources and learning goodies!

Bluey follows the adventures of a lovable and inexhaustible six-year-old Blue Heeler puppy who lives with her Dad, Mum and four-year-old little sister, Bingo.

So, why not visit comicrelief.com/early-years and get your lovable (and inexhaustible) little ones involved this Red Nose Day!



WE ARE FAMILY!

Explore families and feelings with the help of Bluey, Bingo, Bandit and Chilli.

- 1 Watch an episode of Bluey with your children – there's a wide selection here: www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m000vbrk/bluey
- 2 Encourage your little ones to bust their best dance moves to the Bluey theme tune, and call out their favourite Heeler family names as they appear on screen.
- 3 Talk with the children about Bluey's family, and encourage them to talk about the Heelers and their own families – for real life, with questions such as:
 - Who does Bluey live with? (her little sister Bingo, Mum and Dad)
 - How many of you have a little sister too?
 - What are Bluey's Mum and Dad called? (Chilli and Bandit)
 - What are Bluey's cousins called? (Muffin and Socks)
 - Do you have cousins? What are their names?
- 4 Once you've watched Bluey, encourage your children to talk about what happened – has anything similar happened to them before? Have they been on any adventures or played any games like Bluey and Bingo? How do they think Bluey's family and friends felt in the episode? Can they use their imagination to play and explore Bluey's world?
- 5 Discover family relationships with your children by drawing a family tree showing parents and two children, just like the Heeler family! But this is a real pickle ... can the children think of any other types of relatives? From parents and grandparents, to siblings, cousins, aunts and uncles - add them to the family tree to show how people are related!

AREAS OF LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT



Personal, social and emotional development

Important attachments that shape their social world

Understand their own feelings and those of others

Develop a sense of self

Communication and language

Conversations with adults and peers

Story-telling and role play

PARTY WITH BLUEY!

Prepare for dance mode and get ready to party with Bluey this Red Nose Day!

- 1** Get started by printing out your Bluey posters and colouring-in sheets, as well as creating your own Bluey bunting and banners. You'll find everything you need (and so much more!) here: www.comicrelief.com/early-years
- 2** Next up ... get decorating! Make sure you've got everything in place for the ultimate Bluey-themed bash.
- 3** Get your little ones to make their very own invitations to the party of the year! Download our free party invitation to colour in and decorate.
- 4** Help the children make Bluey ears on headbands to wear on the day.
- 5** Plus, you can make a photo booth for your party too. Create a Bluey or Red Nose Day backdrop in a corner of the room and get snapping. There's no better way to capture happy memories and share the excitement of the day. Then ... it's party time!



AREAS OF LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT



Expressive Arts & Design

Imagination and creativity

Explore and play with a wide range of media and materials

Self-expression, vocabulary and ability to communicate through the arts

BAKE WITH BINGO

Did someone say snacks? Make these delicious Bingo biscuits with the children to sell on Red Nose Day.

GINGERBREAD BINGOS

You'll need:

100g salted butter
3 tbsp golden syrup
100g brown sugar
½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
1 tbsp ground ginger
1 tsp ground cinnamon
225g plain flour
50g icing sugar (and water)
Fondant icing in pale yellow, white, black and orange

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 190 C (170 C fan, gas mark 6).
2. Heat the butter, syrup and sugar together in a small pan until melted, stirring occasionally. Set aside to cool slightly.
3. Mix together the bicarb, ginger, cinnamon and flour in a large bowl. Pour in the buttery syrup mixture and stir to combine, then use your hands to bring together to form a dough. The dough will be soft at this point.
4. Put the dough between two sheets of baking paper and roll out to a thickness of ½ cm. Transfer the dough and paper to a baking sheet, then pop it in the fridge for an hour.
5. Line a large baking sheet with baking paper. Take the dough out of the fridge and use a round cutter to cut out circles – your Bingo heads. Then re-roll the dough and cut out the same number of squares using a smaller, square cutter. Cut these in half diagonally to make a pair of ears and press them into the back of the circles.
6. Space out the biscuits on the lined baking sheet and bake for 10 to 12 minutes.
7. Roll out orange fondant to 3–5mm thick and make Bingo faces and ears. Use a thin layer of royal icing to stick the pieces to the biscuits.
8. Use different coloured fondant to make eyes and a nose – you can be as creative and make it as complicated as you want!
9. Sell and enjoy on Red Nose Day.

AREAS OF LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT



Physical development

Fine motor control and precision
Hand-eye co-ordination
Using small tools

WHERE IN THE WORLD?

Find out more about life in Bluey's country – Australia.

- 1** Explain to the children that Bluey lives on a leafy street in the heart of Brisbane, Australia. You can share on a map or globe exactly where Australia is. Explain just how far away Australia is from their home in the UK. It's over 10,000 miles in total ... oh goodness gravy!
- 2** If they were going to visit Bluey in Australia, how might they get there? Do the children know that it would take a whole day to travel by plane? This is difficult ... can they think of another way they might be able to travel to see Bluey?
- 3** Show your children the photo sheet of places in Australia - do any of these snaps look like where you live in the UK? What looks different? What do they think it would be like growing up in Australia? You could watch an episode of Bluey and think about the similarities and differences between Bluey's world and theirs!
- 4** You can ask your little ones to point out where they are from on a map or atlas. They can even point out a country they have visited!



AREAS OF LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT



Understanding the world

Make sense of their physical world

Understand our culturally, socially, technologically and ecologically diverse world

BLUEY'S WORLD

Find out more about life in Bluey's home country – Australia.

