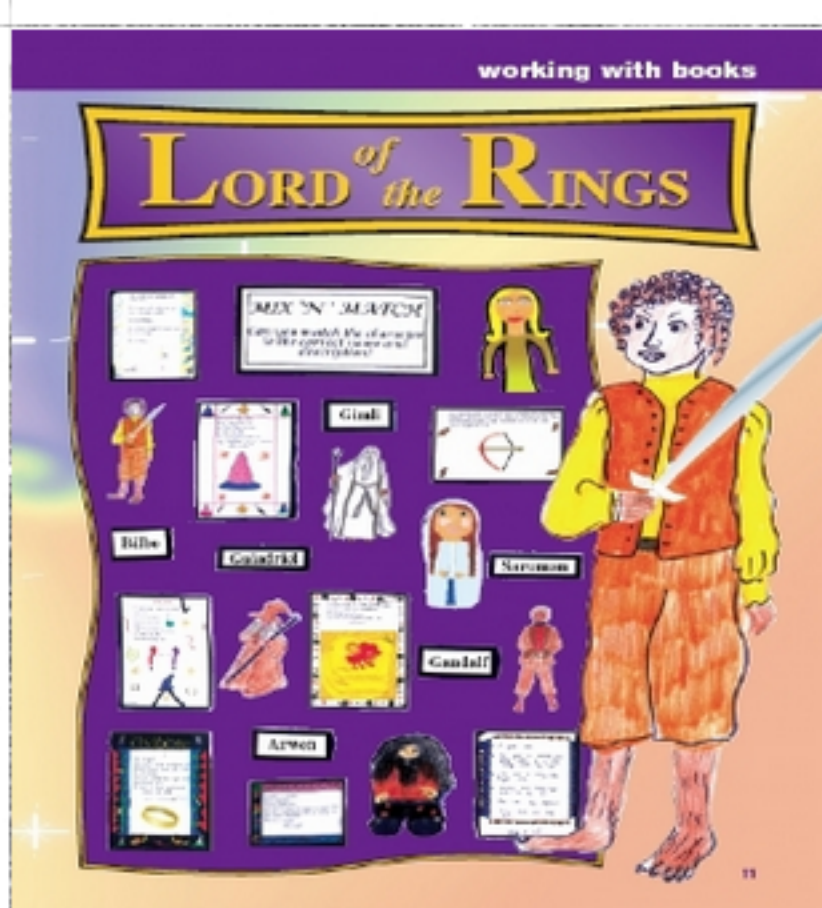


Crafty Ideas: Mix and Match Book Displays

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A book display based on J.R.R. Tolkien's 'Lord of the Rings'

Help children to develop observation skills and the ability to write character descriptions, by asking them to prepare a collection of display resources, and then work in pairs to match descriptions to images.

Use

Mix and match book displays is an interactive activity that can be used with most books. The stimulus for the display featured here is JRR Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*.

Make

-  Children choose a character from a book, and paint or draw a picture of that character based on the book's description. They do not label their drawing.
-  On a separate piece of paper, children then write a character description, based upon their knowledge of the character from the story.
-  Laminate the pictures and descriptions.
-  Make a frame to the display with the book title and key question. E.g. Can you match the character to the correct name and description? The display frame can be given extra interest with the addition of life-size characters, or images of iconic places or objects from the book, along the sides.
-  Create and laminate signs with the character names.
-  Mix up the children's pictures and descriptions with the laminated character names and Velcro or stick them all to the wall.
-  Individually or in pairs, children can read the descriptions and move them on the display so that they are matched to the picture of the character that they describe.

Tip


The figures in our display were drawn by two talented 10 year olds. If your children would have difficulty drawing such large-scale pictures, you could ask them to produce a smaller drawing and trace it onto an OHT. You could then project this onto a larger piece of paper fixed to the wall and draw around it.

Display

Once the characters and descriptions have been correctly matched, you could extend the work and expand the display through a range of follow on activities, such as book reviews, drawing and labelling key places or settings from the book, or creating new designs for book covers that will intrigue and motivate young readers.

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