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OVERVIEW INTRODUCTION



Rainbows are some of the most beautiful and magical natural phenomena that we ever experience. Children should understand that rainbows appear when sun and rain occur at the same time, but to give the complex scientific explanation of rainbow formation is too advanced for young children.

Showing the short video of the beautiful rainbow, with its amazing colours which fade quickly, will provide an opening for discussion and, hopefully, spark some interesting conversations and questions. It is also possible to create your own rainbow on a sunny day with a hosepipe!

Books

- Mrs. Rainbow by Neil Griffiths
- Esther's rainbow by Kim Kane
- Penguins love colors by Sarah Aspinall
- Dream a rainbow by Carlotta Penn
- Rain before rainbows by Smriti Prasadam-Halls

Well-known songs and chants

- I can sing a rainbow by Arthur Hamilton
- Rainbow, rainbow

Vocabulary

Rainbow, pot of gold, sun, rain, sky, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet, clouds, wind, arc, reflection.





HOME LEARNING



Search your home for red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet coloured items to make a giant rainbow.

Take a photograph and bring it in to show your friends!





STORY

Danny's tasty rainbow

Danny loved spending Saturdays with his aunty and uncle. They lived in a flat in the high street above Mr. Tomkins' greengrocer's shop. Whenever Danny went to visit, he'd gaze at all the fruit and vegetables set out in boxes at the front of the shop. Mr. Tomkins was his friend and always gave him a piece of fruit to eat.

One Saturday, Aunty Pat had a meeting and couldn't play games with him. Danny was getting bored, so his uncle said: "Let's pop down to the shop and see Mr. Tomkins, he might let you help out." Danny thought this was a great idea, so he and his uncle went downstairs and he was very pleased when the greengrocer said he could spend the afternoon in the shop. There weren't many customers that day, so Danny couldn't do much helping, but as he was tidying up a pile of old newspapers, he saw a big picture of a rainbow. "Look, Mr. Tomkins, isn't that great! I wish I could paint one like that!" "Well, I've no paints, Danny, but I do have plenty of coloured fruit and veg... would that do?"

Danny thought this was just the best idea ever! He started by making a curved line of red strawberries on the counter. Underneath these he added a row of little oranges, and after that he chose some yellow courgettes. He had to ask Mr. Tomkins what they were called because he'd never had those at home. Danny knew it was green next, so he chose some chillies; he recognised these because his mum used them in her cooking, but blue was going to be tricky – no blue fruit or vegetables to be seen anywhere. But, Mr. Tomkins had some blue delphiniums standing in a bucket in the corner, so Danny made a row of blue flowers – they looked lovely next to the chillies. The rainbow arch was looking very grand now. Mr. Tomkins helped with the last two colours – they decided on bluey-purple grapes for indigo and small shiny vegetables called 'aubergines' for violet – that was another new vegetable name to learn. Danny was delighted with his rainbow: Mr. Tomkins took a photo and said he'd put it in the shop window for all his customers to see.

Just then, Danny's uncle appeared in the shop and said that Aunty Pat was back from her meeting. Uncle loved the rainbow and was very impressed that Danny knew the words, 'courgettes' and 'aubergines'. He said: "I'm cooking supper tonight and I've got a new vegetarian recipe book to try out, so let's use those chillies, aubergines and courgettes and cook up something tasty!" So they did, and that evening they had a delicious veggie stew with Mr. Tomkins' new potatoes and some of Danny's rainbow strawberries for pudding.

Sue Nicholls



SONG

Colours shining

Melody: *Here we go round the mulberry bush*

Melody traditional;
words Sue Nicholls

Col - ours shin - ing in the sky, In the sky, in the sky.

Col - ours shin - ing in the sky To make a beau - ti - ful rain - bow!

(Count-in: one and two and off we go...)

Colours shining in the sky,
In the sky, in the sky.
Colours shining in the sky
To make a beautiful rainbow!

Rain and sun will have to meet
In the sky, in the sky.
Rain and sun will have to meet
To make a beautiful rainbow!

Seven colours in the sky,
In the sky, in the sky.
Seven colours in the sky
To make a beautiful rainbow!



SONG

Look out for rainbows

Sue Nicholls

The musical score is written in treble clef, key of D major (indicated by two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols (D, G, D, A7, D7) are placed above the notes to guide accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Rain-drops fall, the sky is grey. But the sun's still out to play. Rain and sun, Sun and rain, Make a rain-bow shine for us a - gain! Look for red and o - range, Look for yel - low, green and blue, In - di - go and Vio - let too, Make a rain-bow shine for me and you!'.

Rain-drops fall, the sky is grey. But the sun's still out to play.

Rain and sun, Sun and rain, Make a rain-bow shine for us a - gain!

Look for red and o - range, Look for yel - low, green and blue,

In - di - go and Vio - let too, Make a rain-bow shine for me and you!

Raindrops fall, the sky is grey
 But the sun's still out to play.
 Rain and sun,
 Sun and rain,
 Make a rainbow shine for us again!

Look for red and orange,
 Look for yellow, green and blue,
 Indigo and
 Violet too,
 Make a rainbow shine for me and you!



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Rainbow





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Outdoor image





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Songs

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