

Horton Hears a Who



Suitable for:

Foundation/KS1/2 Literacy, P.S.H.E. and Citizenship

Film details:

U – Contains no material likely to offend or harm, Running time 86 mins

One day, Horton the elephant, discovers a speck of dust, which it turns out, is home to the Whos and their world, Who-ville. Horton agrees to help protect the Whos and their home, which gives him trouble from his neighbours who don't believe that anything could survive on the speck.

Official websites: www.hortonmovie.co.uk www.seussville.com

Who is Dr Seuss?

Literacy

Dr Seuss' real name was Theodor Seuss Geisel. As a class, find out more about the writer and illustrator, a good place to start is www.seussville.com. Read a range of different books by the author. Which are the pupils' favourites? How are they similar or different to each other? His drawing style is very unique, how can you tell a Seuss character? Create a class display of children's writing and artwork dedicated to 'Ted' Geisel's life and books. Possible activities include:

- portrait of Dr Seuss
- short biography
- book review
- picture of one of his characters
- poem inspired by Dr Seuss' use of rhyme

Animation

Art & Design

Dr Seuss created his characters using a very unique and recognisable cartoon style. As a class, look at lots of different characters from various Seuss books. What do they have in common? The animators of Dr Seuss' Horton Hears A Who! have used a very different technique (CGI) but have managed to maintain the spirit and style of the original illustrations. Compare characters from the film and book. Ask children to create a new Seuss character inspired by his cartoon style. Is their character a resident of Who-ville or the Jungle of Nool? What is your character like?



My Motto

P.S.H.E. and Citizenship / SEAL

Even though you can't hear or see them at all

A person's a person no matter how small

This is Horton's motto that he encourages others to believe in. Do the children think it is a good motto to have? Discuss how they think the motto applies to them and how they like to be treated by bigger children.

Ask pupils to think of their own motto as a rhyming couplet, which expresses the way they think people should treat those around them. Pupils could also help Horton by creating a poster that persuades the other creatures in the Jungle of Nool to help take care of Who-ville.

Poster



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