# Michael Rosen's Bear Hunt, Chocolate Cake & Bad Things



17 Sept – 17 Dec 2016 Education Pack

### An interactive experience for EYFS, KS1 and KS2

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## About Bear Hunt, Chocolate Cake and Bad Things

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Touring from the Discover Children's Story Centre, Michael Rosen's exhibition **Bear Hunt, Chocolate Cake and Bad Things** brings the authors well-loved stories and poems to life.

The exhibition is designed to immerse children 0-11yrs in the weird and wonderful world of Michael Rosen, featuring larger-than-life realisations of scenes and moments from within the authors books, as well as his own life. Children can create poems inside a huge chocolate cake, wade through the swishy-swashy river, explore a dread-shed, and play in Michael Rosen's classroom and living room as well as a host of recognisable and imaginative installations.

'Very engaging, worthwhile, fun and creative...we loved it! It brought the book to life' - Teacher

*'The best trip I've ever been on!'* - School Pupil

*`One child said `I can't believe it - is this my imagination?''* - Teacher

To find out more about the interactive experience you can <u>watch the trailer</u> from Discover Children's Story Centre.

View the full gallery of images at instagram.com/z.artsmcr/

Visit our dedicated Bear Hunt Schools webpages: <u>www.z-arts.org/bear-hunt-schools</u>



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## Planning your visit

#### 17 September – 17 December

Open every weekday during term-time for educational visits: Interactive Experience tours at 9.45, 11am, 12.30pm, 1.45pm Interactive Experience tours with a Creative Workshop at 9.45am, 12.30pm

#### Ticket prices for Schools, per class of 30 pupils:

Interactive Experience tour,  $\pounds 180$ Interactive Experience tour with Creative Workshop,  $\pounds 240$ 

#### **Ticket prices for Informal Learning Groups:**

Non-school groups taking part in educational visits are charged per child over 18 mths old: £7 Interactive Experience Tour (£6 for Bright Sparks Family members). £1 charge per child participating a Creative Workshop.

Teachers and supervisory adults supporting educational visits receive entry to the exhibition free of charge.

Download a Booking Enquiry Form from our dedicated webpages: <a href="http://www.z-arts.org/bear-hunt-schools/">http://www.z-arts.org/bear-hunt-schools/</a>

#### **1hr Interactive Experience tours**

Mon- Fri 9.45, 11am, 12.30pm, 1.45pm

Interactive Experience tours are led by one of our Story Explorers who take the children on a journey through the secret larder, swishy-swashy river and enormous chocolate cake! Whilst immersed in the playful experience, children are given opportunities to discuss plot and recite parts of Michael Rosen's poems and stories.

Each Interactive Experience Tour can accommodate up to 30 children, and a maximum total of 40 people including children and adults. Larger groups must be split across multiple slots in order to guarantee a high quality experience for all.

#### **Open day for Educators** 2<sup>nd</sup> **Sept 2016**, 12-4pm

Teachers and Educators are invited to visit the exhibition for free during this special event before we open to the public. Drop in to meet staff, story explorers, and artists and spend time in the exhibition planning your visit. Book your place via our website: <u>www.z-</u>

arts.org/events/educators-open-day-bear-huntchocolate-cake-bad-things/



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## Planning your visit

#### Interactive Experience Tour with 1hr Creative Workshop

Mon - Fri 9.45am or 12.30pm

Our accompanying Creative Workshops extend the total visit time to 2hrs 15 minutes and can accommodate up to 2 classes per time slot. Sessions across music, drama and movement, visual arts and creative writing are available across the key stages as follows:

#### EYFS (3-5 years)

*Visual Arts* – Children revisit the 'Chocolate Cake' poem, and create their own cake using a range of playful art materials.

*Music* – Children learn about percussion, and explore storytelling through sounds in `We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.

*Drama and Movement* – Children learn about different journeys in Michael Rosen's poems, and create their own large scale floor map to explore the theme through movement and mime.

*Creative writing* – Working as a class, children create their own performance poem exploring the characters and settings in Michael Rosen's work.

#### KS1 (5-7 years)

*Visual Arts* – Inspired by the 'Chocolate Cake' poem, pupils create their own recipe using drawing and collage.

*Music* – A hands on practical workshop, where students have the opportunity to create their own musical instruments inspired by the sounds in 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.

*Drama and Movement* – Children explore storytelling through drama and dance devices, inspired by their journey from home to school.

*Creative Writing* – Working as a class, students create a collaborative written work exploring the five senses, journeys and migration while experimenting with simile and onomatopoeia

#### KS2 (7-11 years)

*Visual Arts* – Inspired by the 'Chocolate Cake' poem, pupils create a screen printed tea-towel using text and images.

*Music* – Using innovative tablet technology, students create and perform their own digital music response to 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'.

*Drama and Movement* – Students work in groups to create a dramatic narrative using mime, freeze-frame and dance in response to journeys within Michael Rosen's poems.

*Creative Writing* – Working as a class, students create a poem in response to the theme of migration.

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## How can *Bear Hunt, Chocolate Cake and Bad Things* support learning and development?

#### **Early Years Foundation Stage**

Nursery and Reception class visits include an interactive tour of the exhibition, lead by a

Story Explorer. The session focuses on supporting learning in **communication and language** – specifically through encouraging them to **listen attentively**, **respond appropriately**, reflect on the story and **anticipate events** 

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Additionally, the *Bear Hunt, Chocolate Cake and Bad Things* EYFS Creative Workshops have all been designed to complement early learning goals across the EYFS framework, including providing opportunities for listening and speaking, movement and handling, understanding the world, exploring materials and being imaginative.

#### Key Stage 1

Groups from KS1 can expect an interactive exhibition tour which focuses on **spoken language** and **communication.** The tour, led by a Story Explorer, provides opportunities for listening to and discussing a range of poems and stories, and developing an appreciation of poetry in particular. They will also be encourage to **listen and respond appropriately**, **discuss word meanings** and **build their vocabulary**.

The accompanying Creative Workshops at Key Stage 1 complement the Primary Framework for Literacy by providing opportunities for speaking, listening, and comprehension whilst exploring poetry and narrative.

#### Key Stage 2

Students from KS2 visiting the exhibition will develop an understanding of poetry and a positive attitude to reading, through a playful, experimental tour, led by our Story Explorers. They will be supported to develop their **reading and comprehension** through opportunities to listen and discuss a range of texts, and learn about poem structure and performance delivery.

Our Key Stage 2 Creative Workshops are designed to drill deeper into these learning goals, with a focus on exploring language and poetry and creating individual written works through a wide range of creative approaches.

#### Back in the classroom

Discover Children's Story Centre have produced further learning lesson plans for post-visit activity. These are available to download from our website: www.z-arts.org/bear-hunt-schools/for-teachers



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## Key Dates and Information

#### Bear hunt Chocolate Cake and Bad Things Open day for Educators

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016, 12-4pm Drop in for a first look at the new exhibition to plan your visit, free of charge. Book your place here: <u>www.z-arts.org/events/educators-open-day-bear-hunt-chocolate-cake-bad-things/</u>

#### Bear Hunt, Chocolate Cake and Bad Things VIP Launch with Michael Rosen

14 September, 12.15 -3.30pm, Z-arts Manchester Head teachers and Senior Leadership teams, Arts and Literacy Coordinators are invited to this special event, RSVP <u>hannah@z-arts.org</u>

**Manchester Literature Festival Michael Rosen Children's Poetry Event** 7<sup>th</sup> October, exhibition tour and talk with Michael Rosen, Z-arts Manchester Book a class trip online here: <u>www.z-arts.org/events/michael-rosen-childrens-poetry-</u> event

#### Festive Bear Hunts throughout December 2016

In the lead up to the Christmas holidays, schools will be able to book on for special festive-themed *Bear Hunt, Chocolate Cake and Bad Things* visits. Further details to be announced.

## Book your visit

For more information and to download a booking enquiry form, visit our dedicated Bear Hunt Schools webpages: www.z-arts.org/bear-hunt-schools

Alternatively, contact:

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