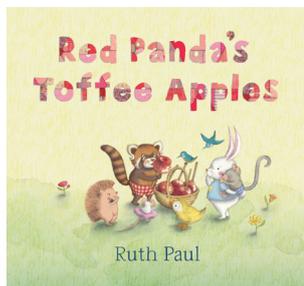


Walker Books Classroom Ideas



Red Panda's Toffee Apples

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Outline:

Red Panda is not very good at selling things he wants to eat himself.

Red Panda is selling toffee apples. They are very sticky. But will there be enough for all his friends?

Author/Illustrator Information:

Ruth Paul is an award-winning author and illustrator from New Zealand. She draws on everyday life for inspiration and ideas, and is particularly interested in how people get on together. Ruth calls herself an “old-fashioned” illustrator, working in hands-on media such as acrylic, pastels and pencils, using Photoshop to do last-minute work on scans where required.

Her title *The King's Bubbles* won the Children's Choice Award, New Zealand Post Children's Book Awards, 2008; and the Children's Book Design Award, Book Publishers Association of New Zealand Design Awards, 2008. She also illustrated the Walker Stories titles *Mr Tripp Smells a Rat* (2011) and *Mr Tripp Goes For A Skate* (2012).

Ruth lives in the country in a straw-bale house powered by its own remote electricity system, with her husband and two young sons.



How to use these notes:

This story works on many levels. The suggested activities are therefore for a wide age and ability range. Please select accordingly.

These notes are for:

- Primary years F-1
- Ages 5+

Key Learning Areas:

- English
- Art

Example of:

- Fiction
- Picture book

Themes/ Ideas:

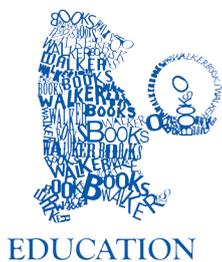
- Friendship
- Magic
- Bravery
- Fears
- Surprises
- Helping

National Curriculum Focus:*

English content descriptions include:

Foundation		Year 1	
ACELA1431	ACELY1648	ACELA1447	ACELY1658
ACELA1432	ACELY1650	ACELA1452	ACELY1661
ACELA1433		ACELA1453	
ACELA1440		ACELT1581	
ACELT1575		ACELT1582	
ACELT1577		ACELT1583	
ACELT1783		ACELY1656	
ACELY1784		ACELY1788	
ACELY1647		ACELY1657	

*Key content descriptions have been identified from the Australian National Curriculum. However, this is not an exhaustive list of National Curriculum content able to be addressed through studying this text.



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Discussion Questions and Activities

- Look at the front cover of the book. How does this immediately grab the reader's attention and make them want to read the story?
- What is the first thing you look at on the cover of the book? Then where does your eye go? And then where? This is called "the reading path" (the way your eye travels about an image). Why do you think it is called this? Sketch a rough copy of the book cover and draw your reading path on it.
- Listen to the book being read aloud without looking at the illustrations. Then read the story while viewing the illustrations. Do the illustrations change your understanding of the story in any way? How?
- Read the blurb on the back of the book. Do your expectations of what the story will be about change after reading it? How?
- What is the purpose of this book? Is it fiction or nonfiction? Is it lifelike or imaginary?
- Why do all the animal names start with a capital letter?
- Using the internet or your school library, research red pandas. Where do they live? What do they eat? How big are they? A good starting point is www.kidcyber.com.au/topics/redpanda or www.taronga.org.au/redpanda.
- Read the book aloud to the class and ask students about how many toffee apples Red Panda sells throughout the book. Also count how many toffee apples Red Panda eats.
- If the toffee apples cost \$1.00 each, how much money does Red Panda make? (This activity can be tailored to the ability level of the students, i.e. change the price to \$2.00, \$2.50 etc.) You could also give each toffee apple a different price.
- Put on a performance of Red Panda's Toffee Apples. You will need 6 actors (Red Panda, Rabbit, Hedgehog, Mouse, Bushbaby and Duckling). Use the book as a guide and ask students to make up dialog as they perform the story.
- "[Red Panda] is not very good at selling things he would like to eat himself." Why is it important to share? Why do you think Red Panda doesn't want to give Rabbit the toffee apple? List some things you could say to Red Panda to make him feel better about sharing the toffee apples.
- Have you ever run a food or drink stall? What did you sell? What did you like most about it?
- Red Panda is a bit greedy in this book. What does "greedy" mean? Is it OK to be greedy? Why or why not?
- "Lick. Crackle" Crunch." The author uses these words to describe eating a toffee apple. This is called onomatopoeia, words that imitate the sound they are describing. What are some other words like this?
- Imagine you were setting up a stall. What would you be selling? How much would you sell it for? Draw a picture of you selling items to your friends at your stall.

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