

Monster Stones

Mouse makes up a monster to scare away Snake, Owl and Fox. Make up your own monster with this game – and let's hope it doesn't turn out to be real!

Adventure kit: At least twenty plain smooth stones, no smaller than a coin and no bigger than your hand, and some paints or felt tip pens.

What to do:

1. Paint or draw a terrible monster feature on each stone.

You will need a mixture of:

nasty noses enormous ears scary hair
evil eyes monster mouths with terrible teeth

And don't forget to make all your features truly monstrous . . .

You might like to include:

terrible tongues wicked warts hideous horns
beastly brows poisonous pimples

2. Once you've done as many stones as you want, leave them to dry. Then mix them up and turn them all over so you can't see the features.

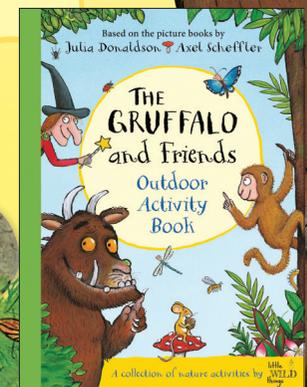
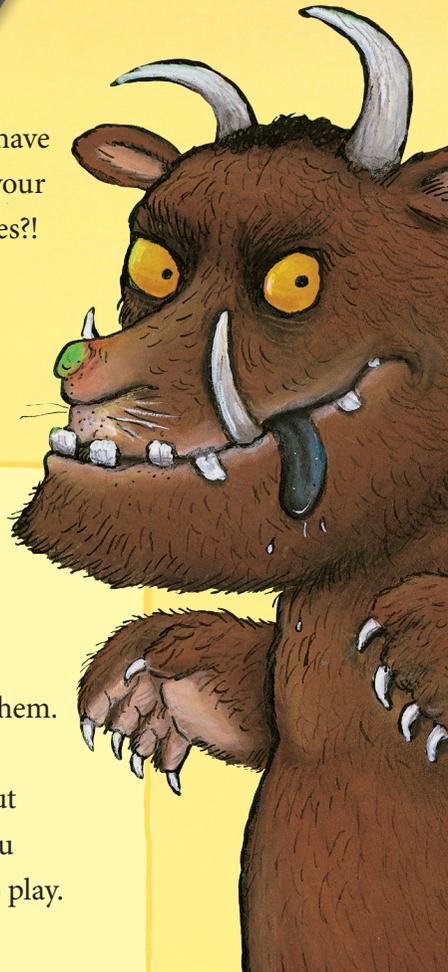
3. Choose ten stones at random.



4. Make a monster face using the stones you have chosen. How scary can you make it? Will your face have one eye, two tongues or only noses?!
5. Play the game with a friend and see who can make the most fearsome monster.

Hints and tips:

- Marker pens work well on stones but remember they will also mark your skin so check with a grown-up before using them.
- Twenty stones is good for two players, but you may need to design some more if you have more than one friend who wants to play.



Parrot Kite

Make a colourful kite that really flies!



Adventure kit:

- Coloured A4 paper
- Pens
- Safety scissors
- A long ball of string
- Sticky tape
- A hole punch
- A small stick
- Long bits of grass, straw, wool or ribbon

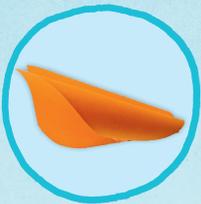
What to do:

1. Take the A4 paper and fold it in half by bringing the two short sides together.

Lay the paper down with the fold facing you. Pick up the top left corner of the top piece, gently bend it over and stick it to the fold as shown.



3. Turn the paper over and lay it with the fold facing you. Pick up the top right corner and bring it down to the fold, sticking it in line with the corner from step 2. These are your parrot's wings.



4. Use scissors to round off the bottom left corner to make it look like a bird's body.



5. Use your pens to give your parrot some eyes and a beak.

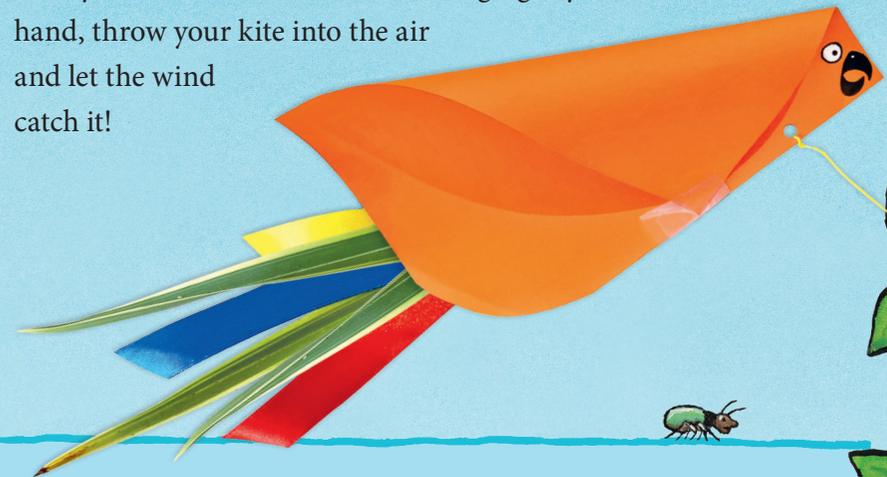
6. Use the hole punch to make a hole just above the fold between the beak and the wings. Feed your string through and tie it in place.



7. Tie the other end of the string to your stick and then wrap the rest of the string around it so you can let it out a little at a time when you're flying your kite.

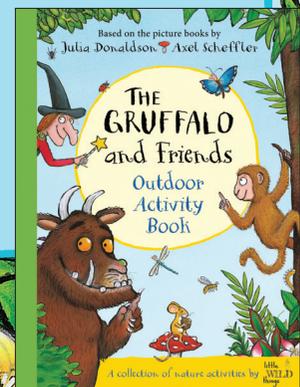
8. Take the long bits of grass, straw, wool or ribbon and use some sticky tape to attach them to your kite to make a beautiful parrot tail.

9. Take your kite outside. Hold the string tightly in one hand, throw your kite into the air and let the wind catch it!



Hints and tips:

- On a windy day, once your kite is flying, let your string unroll from your stick a little at a time and see how high your kite can go.
- If it isn't a very windy day, just keep your kite on a short string, hold your arm up high and run around with it flying out behind you.
- If you don't have any coloured paper, use your pens, pencils or some paints to colour some white paper before you start.



Build a Cork Boat

All good pirates need a ship to sail.

Build yourself a little boat and head off on an adventure!

Adventure kit:

- Two corks
- Two elastic bands
- A medium-sized leaf
- A scrap of thick cardboard
- A small skinny stick (about the length of your biggest finger)
- A washing-up bowl or a large sandwich box full of water, or a puddle

What to do:

1. Place the two corks beside each other and wrap an elastic band around both of them to hold them together at one end (two sets of hands are good for this bit so ask a grown-up to help you).
2. Wrap your second elastic band around the other end of the corks to make your boat.

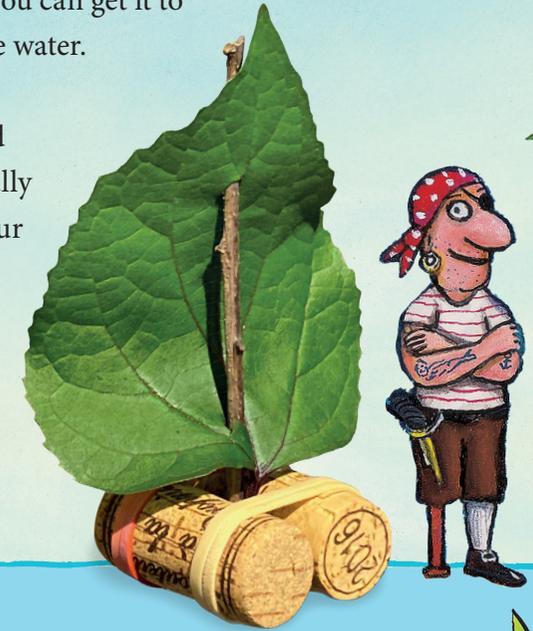
3. Wiggle your stick in between the two corks so that it is sticking straight up. If your corks are held together really tightly you may need a grown-up to pull the corks apart for you while you pop the stick in. This is your mast.

4. Push the mast through the top and bottom of a leaf to make a sail. Now put your boat into the water to see if it floats . . .

5. If your boat tips over when you put it in the water it's probably because your mast is too long and heavy. Try snapping the top off your stick to make it shorter and lighter.

6. Blow on your boat to see if you can get it to travel to the other side of the water.

7. Wave the scrap of cardboard backwards and forwards really fast to make a sea storm. Your boat should go dashing across the water with all that wind behind it! Will your boat come through the storm or will it capsize?



Hints and tips:

- These boats are also really fun to play with in the bath.
- Did you know . . . corks float because they are less dense than water. Wood and ice are also less dense than water and so are good for floating too. Stones are usually more dense than water and so they sink.

