

# Tyrannosaurus Ellie

Share this story before a role-play session

The children in Ellie's nursery class were very excited. Next week there would be a Book Day, when they could come dressed as a character from their favourite book. Ellie's friends were going to be princesses or fairies.

'What are you going to be, Ellie?' asked Daisy.

But Ellie wasn't listening. She had her hand up.

'Please, Mrs Jenkins,' she asked, 'do we have to be something from a story book?'

Mrs Jenkins smiled. She knew that Ellie liked books about real things, as well as stories.

'You can be anything you like,' she told Ellie, 'as long as it's from your favourite book.'

'But Ellie's always reading about dinosaurs,' Daisy said.

Ellie just smiled.

Ellie told Mum all about the Book Day.

'What would you like to be, Ellie?' Mum asked.

'Let me whisper,' said Ellie, so Mum bent down and Ellie whispered into her ear.

'Can we do it?' She asked Mum.

'Of course,' Mum smiled. 'Let's go and see Mr Chandra.'

Mum took Ellie to the corner shop and asked Mr Chandra if he had a spare, big cardboard box. He smiled when Ellie told him what it was for.

Back at home, Mum used a sharp knife to cut a zigzag line round three sides of the middle of the box. Then she cut slits from each end of the zigzag to the top of the box.

'What a big mouth you'll have,' she said.

Ellie giggled. Then Mum cut a big hole out of the bottom of the box and checked to see that it fitted over Ellie's head.

Ellie took all of the empty egg cartons out of the recycling box. She glued them all over the box, to make it really bumpy. She took out her paints and painted white all along the zigzag cut.

'What sharp teeth you'll have!' Giggled Mum.

Then Ellie painted the rest of the box green, with brown splodges. She chose two empty yoghurt pots and fixed one on each side of the box with sticky tape. She painted a blue circle on the end of each pot.

'What big eyes I'll have,' she said. Mum and Ellie both giggled.

On Book Day, Ellie was up early. She put on her brown tights and a green jumper while Mum put the big bumpy box in a plastic sack. At nursery, Ellie and Mum waited outside until everyone had gone in.

'Aren't you dressing up?', asked Daisy, as she walked past in her fairy outfit.

Ellie took the box from the sack and put it over her head.

As she opened the door, Mrs Jenkins was taking the Book Day register.

'Princess Aisha,' she called.

'Here!' said Aisha.

'Fairy Daisy,' called Mrs Jenkins.

'Here!' said Daisy

Mrs Jenkins looked up.

'Tyrannosaurus Ellie,' she called.

'Grrrrrr!' roared Ellie.

And everybody laughed.

