

Collecting Stories

ACTIVITIES:

Choose one of the following or do them all!

Telling Scary/Ghost Stories:

Tell the class a few small ghost/supernatural stories/anecdotes appropriate to their age (links again below to Lancashire tales and short film)

In small groups take it in turns to tell ghostly stories. They don't have to be long (That's often a killer anyway!), Or even full stories. It may just be something small that they have seen or heard.

Story Whispers: Children sit in a circle:

One person whispers a very short, scary story to the other.

The story is passed around the circle and the final version is shared with the whole class. Variation: When one story is halfway round the circle, start another.

Asking the grown-ups:

As homework ask them to ask members of their family to tell them stories. They could ask: "Has anything strange ever happened to you or anyone you know?" or simply, "Do you know any scary stories?"

Tell them to write or draw the stories down before they forget them. This doesn't have to be word for word or even neat as long as you can read it, and if there's a bit you can't remember, make it up!

Next day, in class, tell the stories either in pairs, small groups, or the whole class in their own words.

Folklore Research:

Use the library and/or the internet to search "Lancashire Legends" and "Lancashire Folklore" (or another county if you are further afield) - see Links below to start you off.

Discover the stories from places close to you geographically. Share them and plot them on a map.

SUBJECTS: English: Speaking and listening / Geography / History

LINK TO:

“Selected Tales of Lancashire”

15-minute film: “Gathered Voices of Lancashire”, created by Jacqueline Harris and Graham Kay of “Fully Formed Films”:

<https://www.storywheel.co.uk/gathered-voices-of-lancashire>