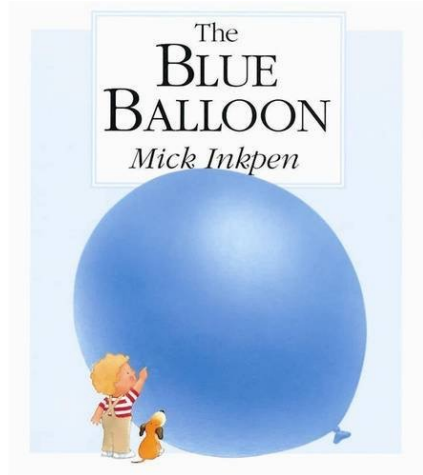


## The Blue Balloon by Mick Inkpen

### Book of the Week Activities

*Here are some activities to try at home related to the book of the week - The Blue Balloon (please see video of story).*



#### Monday

The balloon that Kipper found did some special things - Can you remember some of them? What is your favourite part of the book? Why? Ask mum/dad/brother/sister what their favourite part of the book is? Was it the same as yours? What would you want a special balloon to do? If you have a balloon at home, experiment with it - what can it do empty/full of air? (Ask an adult to blow it up - but before they tie it, ask them to let go - sooooo much fun!!!)

#### Tuesday

Go on a colour hunt around your home - How many blue objects can you find? What shape are the objects? If you can pick them up, try to put them in order from lightest to darkest blue. Are any of them see through? How does the colour blue make you feel? Try doing a colour hunt with another colour - you choose.

#### Wednesday

Act out the story with your family. Who will be Kipper the dog? Who will be the boy? Who will be the balloon?! Remember to use your body, face and voice to act. Swap characters. Who did you enjoy being the most? (You will have to use your problem solving skills for some of this - e.g. How will you act out the balloon flying to the moon?)

#### Thursday

Lots of strange things happen in The Blue Balloon, especially when they take the balloon for a walk. With your parent, take a balloon (or a favourite toy) for a walk outside and think about all of the strange things that could happen on the way - maybe your balloon/toy changes colour or shape, maybe it takes you back in time to when the dinosaurs lived, or takes you to another country, or to the beach where you can play in the sand. Use the world around you to think of ideas. Lots of ideas! And write them down when you get home.

#### Friday

Make up your own story about a balloon, or maybe another 'ordinary object'. What happens first? What happens next? How does it end? Tell one of your family your story and ask them to write it down. Maybe you could draw a picture and make a front cover for your story.

*As always, these are just ideas of what you could do. If you or your child has other ideas, please explore these and have fun! Don't forget to upload your activities (related to the book or not) to Evidence Me so you can share what you have been doing.*