

Dogs Can Fly

Literacy Level 23 • Maths Level 2+ • Geometry and Measurement

Wise Up!



Inquiry Learning
for Years 3 and 4

Inquire to Learn!

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There are many ways *Dogs Can Fly* can be used as a base for Inquiry Learning. This is just one suggestion.

Session 1: Using the Big Book, share-read *Dogs Can Fly*, stopping at natural points for discussion. Draw on the students' prior knowledge of dogs and dog obedience classes.

Session 2: Using the Big Book, work through the Specific Literacy Learning Outcome task and the Literacy Focus questions.

Session 3: Using the Small Books, have the children reread *Dogs Can Fly*. Model answering the Wise Up! on page 5. In their maths groups, have the children work through the Wise Ups! on pages 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, and 15. Help individual groups as necessary.

Session 4: As a class or in small groups, complete the challenge on page 16. As an extension exercise, have the children create and complete their own obstacle/agility course, then invite another class to use it. Alternatively, visit a local kennel club or invite a dog handler to school.

Literacy Achievement Objective:

Show some understanding of how language features are used for effect within and across texts.

Specific Literacy Learning Outcome:

Recognize figurative language and sayings. Discuss the phrase "dogs can fly" as an example of figurative language. Then compare it with the idiomatic saying "pigs can fly!" (referring to something that is unlikely to ever happen). Create similes, metaphors, and/or sayings using dogs as a theme.

Literacy Focus:

1. *Recall:* What does Anne think will be a difficult part of the course? (pages 3 and 4)
2. *Inference:* Why do the obstacles need to have spaces of at least 1 metre between them? (page 8)
3. *Vocabulary:* Discuss the words *obedience* (page 2) and *obstacle* (page 2). Ask the children to use their dictionaries to find other words that begin in *ob* and write down their meanings.

Numeracy Achievement Objective:

Create and use appropriate units and devices to measure length.

Specific Numeracy Learning Outcome:

Use measurement in real-world situations. Calculate time intervals and find start or end times for a given time interval.