



## Individual title activities



### Growing Frogs - January 2008

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This is a highly accessible, informative story about the life cycle of frogs, told in an engaging first-person narrative (by the child character in the story) with bright, appealing illustrations.

### Activities

- **Keep a frog log**

Collect frogspawn from a local pond, following the care instructions in the book. Observe the changes over time, keeping a diary or log of development using words and pictures.

- **Make a mind map**

After several readings of the book, children can create their own "concept" or "mind" maps to show what they have learned.

- **Create a drama performance**

Present a performance of the frog's life cycle, with narration, for another class.

Begin by making an agreed list of the main stages of development (eggs, tadpoles, growing legs, frogs) with groups, improvising the different stages and deciding how each should be described for an audience.

Music and percussion, performed by the children, can provide added drama.

