



## We're going on a Bear Hunt Activity Ideas

**Re-enact the story:** Before you tell the story make sure the children know all the actions so you can re-enact your own bear hunt, have a look at Michael Rosen's spirited interpretation on [Youtube](#) for some ideas. Once the children know all the actions you can go on your own bear hunt through the classroom doing all the actions together and perhaps even looking for a hidden teddy bear.

**Outdoor adventure:** If you have a safe outdoor space available then why not bring the story to life by re-creating all the locations. To do this you need to fill trays full of mud, grass, water and snow (small pieces of paper) and encourage the children to use small figurines (i.e. Playmobil) to recreate the actions from the story.

**Sensory play:** In the summer you could recreate the story by filling a paddling pool with a small amount of brown body paint and another one with white (these represents the mud and the snow), and then going through the river can be the children being hosed down afterwards!

**Story Mapping:** Go through the story and make a story board of the events. Split the children into groups and ask them to draw different parts of the story (going through the river, through the long grass, seeing the bear etc.). Once each section of the story has been completed you can put all the pictures up on the wall to form a map.

**Rhythm:** This story is particularly good for teaching children about rhythm. Go through each part of the story and ask the children to clap along with the syllables. You can make it harder by increasing the tempo to see how quickly they can go without losing the beat.

**Story writing:** Ask the children to imagine their own stories like We're going to the Seaside or We're going on a Ghost Hunt and help them come up with things they might do on their adventure.

**Role-play:** Help the children to make their own bear dens with blankets and any other building materials you have. Make sure the children are involved in the planning as well as the building of the den and help them to draw how they would like it to look.

**Adjectives:** Go through the story with the children and pick out a variety of adjectives i.e. huge, dark, beautiful and tall. Ask the children to draw a picture representing each word and then discuss other adjectives that could be used in their place (synonyms). We have an editable template that you can use for this activity [here](#).

**Teddy Bears Picnic:** This is a great story to use when looking at the topic of Bears or The Woods and can be easily incorporated into a teddy bears picnic. The Eden Project have got some great activities that you can try at your very own picnic, which you can find [here](#).

**We're Going on a Monster Hunt!:** A fun song to the tune of We're Going on a Bear Hunt that you can try at home or in your setting. You can find the words [here](#).

