



Challenge: Winnie the Pooh

Did you know that people recognise the 18th January as ‘Winnie the Pooh’ Day? This is because it’s the date that the creator of the Winnie the Pooh stories, A.A. Milne, was born in 1882. Winnie the Pooh or ‘Pooh Bear’ as he was sometimes called is a fictional bear inspired by a black bear named Winnie. Winnie lived at the London Zoo during World War I. The author’s son, Christopher Robin, would visit the bear often and he named his own teddy bear after her and a swan named Pooh. From there, A.A. Milne created the wonderful stories we know today, including the other characters Owl, Piglet, Rabbit and Eeyore and their adventures in One Hundred Acre Wood..

- You will need:**
- Paper or card
 - Pencil, crayons, etc.
 - Craft items (optional)

In his stories, A.A. Milne wrote many wonderful sayings, which really make you think! So, we’ve created this challenge for you to really think about some of them and what they might mean to you today. Then, get creative and turn them into a card, letter or poster to give to someone to let them know how special they are.

Step 1: Have a read through of some of Winnie the Pooh’s famous sayings (you could ask an adult to help you find some of your own, or we’ve included some on the next page). Think about what they might mean – you could even talk about them with a friend, a family member or others in school or at home.

Step 2: Choose your favourite phrase and decide who will be the lucky receiver of your message – will it be a friend? Will it be a teacher or someone in school? Will it be a neighbour or someone in your family? Decide on the style of your message – a card? A picture? A poster?

Step 3: Design your message. Remember, the message is the most important part, but make sure you decorate it too. Think about the background. Perhaps it would look good with a border? Will you put the writing at the top, in the centre, or at the bottom? Will you add anything else to your message? Will you explain why this message is important to you? You could stick photos on, of you and the person who will receive the message. You could even stick on craft items if you wish. The important thing is that the message has lots of meaning from you to them!



Step 4: Ask an adult to help you arrange how to get the message to the right person. Will you be able to give it to them, or will you need to post it?

Which skills will I be developing?

Main **Additional**



You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think

How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard?

Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart

Any day spent with you is my favourite day

The most important thing is, even when we're apart ... I'll always be with you

As soon as I saw you, I knew a grand adventure was about to happen

We didn't realise we were making memories. We just knew we were having fun

A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the nicest things you can be