

Danny, the Champion of the World The Secret Methods

Lesson
plan

Overview

Learning objective

- To be able to analyse, design and evaluate a new pheasant-catching trick for Danny and his dad.

Learning outcome

- To create a new pheasant-catching trick.

Book reference

- Chapter 5: The Secret Methods.

Cross-curricular link

- Art, Design and Technology, Science.

Resources

- Craft materials for making a poster.



Starter

- Recap Danny's dad's secret methods: The Horse-hair Stopper and The Sticky Hat.
- Discuss in pairs which method is better and why.
- Pairs feedback ideas to the rest of the class.



Main teaching activity

- Agree on criteria for a good pheasant-catching trick (for example: low-cost materials, minimum noise or movement, well camouflaged, success-rating, etc.)

Group or independent activity

- The children work in groups of 4.
- Discuss ideas for a new pheasant-catching trick.
- Make a poster for the design of the trick with materials and step-by-step, illustrated instructions.



Plenary

- Each team pitches the idea to the rest of the class.
- The class ask questions about advantages and disadvantages of the trick.
- The class mark the trick using the agreed criteria.
- Teams write an evaluation of their trick.

Other activities

- Make a role play acting out the trick on unsuspecting pheasants.
- Write an extra chapter of *Danny the Champion of the World* in which Danny and his dad try to carry out the new trick but it all goes disastrously wrong.
- Write an essay comparing and contrasting each team's trick and stating which is the best and why.
- Make a storyboard showing the trick catching a pheasant.
- Role play an advert to show audiences how to carry out the trick.

