**Story Telling (1.5 hours)**

Can you think of a story you might use to explore the following themes:

Bullying

Loneliness

Conquering fears

Loss

How would you use it?

**Evidence: Develop a list of questions you would use to support your discussion around the theme.**

**Waterbugs & Dragonflies**

This would be a good book to use if any child is suffering from some form of loss or bereavement. Through the theme of this book, children may develop an understanding that the person who is gone from their life is still ‘there’ even if they are not present next to them. In her book, Stickeny discusses how the small waterbugs develop over time and become dragonflies. However, this is not apparent at first to the waterbugs and they go in search of where the missing members of their colony have gone.

With this, children can develop a sense that those who have gone from their lives are still looking over them.

*Possible Questions which may follow this book being read:*

* What do we think this book is about?
* How do you think the waterbugs are feeling?
* Do you think its ok they feel like that? Why? - ensuring children are aware it’s good to feel emotion (in any way)
* Talk about the language used in it, creating questions about this
* How do you think the dragonfly feels not being able to return?
* How do you feel after hearing this story?
* What do we know about what happens when someone leaves us?

\*\* These questions can be adapted for the age range you are working with and the children within the class (ensuring sensitivity). It can also be tailored to the responses which follow enabling greater discussion with the children on certain aspects.

Link to a video telling the story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hbcyGrt3ZCM>

Link to the story written in a word doc: <http://emmanuel-urc.org.uk/assets/uploads/Waterbugs_and_Dragonflies.pdf>