

Agatha and the Dark

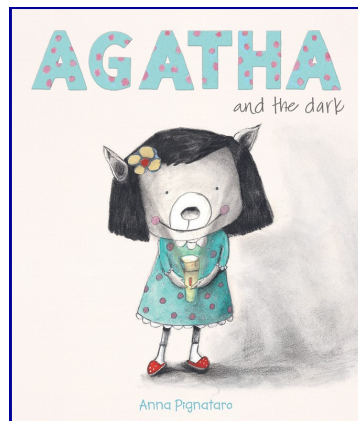
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Once upon a time, not so long ago, Agatha wore her hooded red coat to kindergarten. 'Just like Red Riding Hood,' said Miss Tibble. Agatha liked that story, except the part when Little Red Riding Hood had to walk through the dark woods. 'Everyone is afraid of something,' said Miss Tibble. 'I'm not scared of anything,' said George. This is the story of Agatha - a brave little girl who faces her fears head on - and discovers something rather marvellous.



Themes:

- Being scared
- Overcoming fear
- Imagination
- Helping friends
- Stories

Discussion Questions:

- When Agatha wore her red hooded coat to kindergarten, what story did you think of?
- When Yoko and May were scared of the storm, what did Agatha do to try and help them?
- Was Agatha being a good friend by doing this? Discuss.
- What was Miss Tibble afraid of?
- When Miss Tibble said that everyone is afraid of something, what did George say? Do you think that he was being truthful? Why or why not? Do the thought bubbles that were above everyone's heads give you any clues?
- What do you think George was trying to prove by saying this?
- Can you recall what each of the students were scared of?
- Are you scared of any of these things? Why do you think we do get scared of things?
- How can you try and overcome these fears?
- Why do you think George tried to scare Agatha?
- How did Agatha's Mum and Dad help her overcome her fear of the dark and monsters?
- Who helps you when you are feeling scared?

Activities:

- The students all painted shadows of themselves. Create your own class 'shadow tree'.
- Agatha's Mum asked her to draw a monster that she would like to be friends with. Use your imagination and draw or make your own 'friendly monster'. Give it a name and describe what it likes.