

Ready or Not

Creative activities to help families get ready together for starting school

Drawing a Journey

Starting school is a bit like setting off on a new journey. Look at this painting by Winifred Nicholson. What can you see? If you could jump inside the painting where would you go?



Winifred Nicholson, *Road Along a Roman Road*, 1926
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What journey will you have to go on to get to school?
How will you travel there? What will you see on the way?
How do you feel about starting school?

You will need:

- Big sheet of paper
- Crayons or pencils



Think of a journey. This might be a journey that you have been on, such as to the park, the supermarket or the beach, or this might be an imaginary journey.

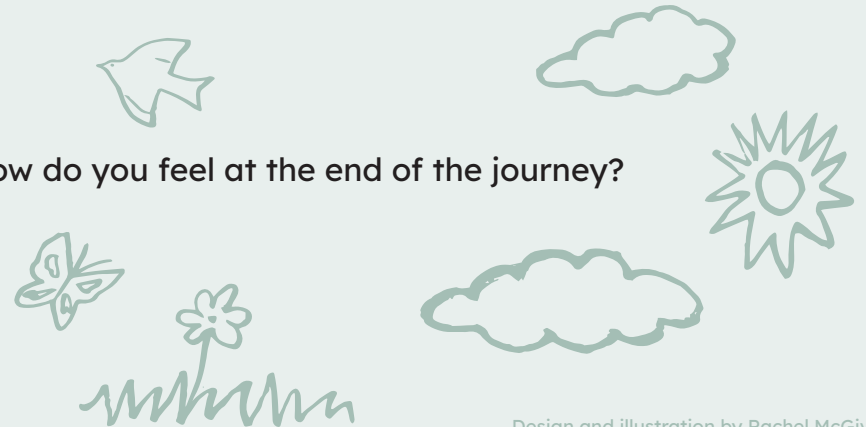
Start by drawing a path along the whole length of the paper.



You could share out crayons or pencils equally to draw together.

Where does the journey start? What is the weather like there? Are you having to wear special clothes? Who else is there? How do you feel at the start of the journey?

Draw in these details and other details along the way. This could also include smells or sounds.



How do you feel at the end of the journey?

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