

A Spiderman Book

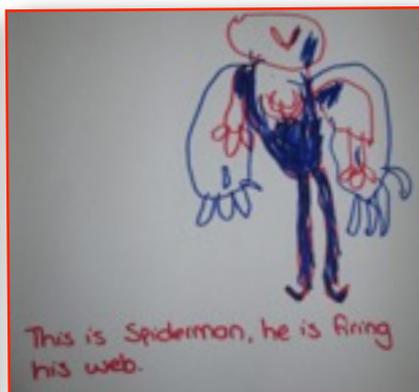
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Raffaele, it is no secret that you are a big fan of Spiderman. We learnt this about you on your very first day of Kindergarten when you drew some amazing Spiderman pictures!



You have told me that recently you have been to see the new Spiderman movie, and this has reignited your passion for all things Spiderman.

Today you came up with the plan to make a Spiderman book. What a great idea Raffe! You got yourself what you needed and set to work. You really thought hard about all the detail in your picture, drawing Spiderman's mask, and the design on his suit.



Making books and telling stories has been an ongoing interest at Kindergarten for many of our friends, and you have seen other children engaged in the book making process. When you had finished drawing you handed me your page and asked me to write the words.

You began work on the second page of your book, when suddenly you put your head in your hands. "Oh, no. I've forgotten how to draw Max." You said.

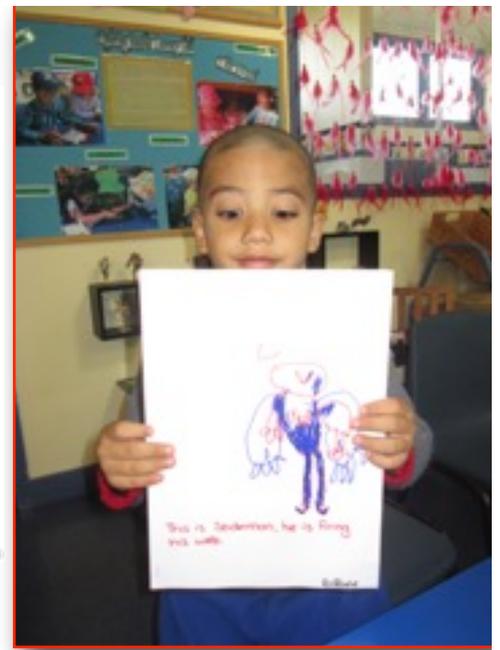
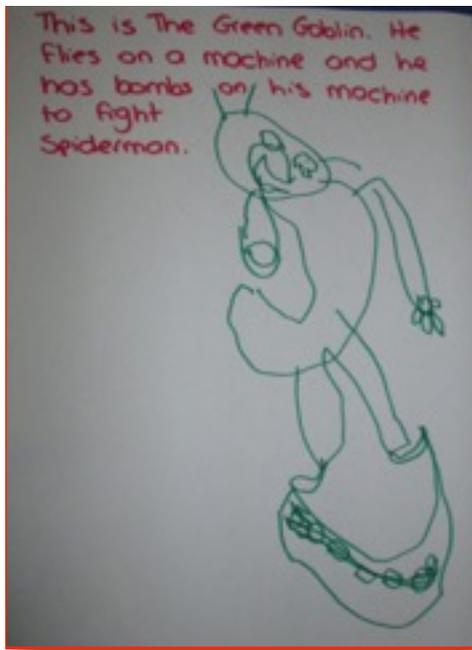


I asked you who Max was, and you explained that he was a character from Spiderman who has power that comes out of his fingers. I thought for a moment and then suggested that we use the iPad to find pictures of Max. Your worried face transformed into an excited smile, and you reached behind you for the iPad.



Together we searched for images of Max. "Oh yeah! That's what he looks like!" you said. You found an image that you liked, and continued with your illustration. You told me the words to your story which were, "This is Max. He has power coming out of his fingers. He fights Spiderman with the power." It was then on to the next page of your book. You told me that you were going to draw the Green Goblin and asked for help to find an image of him on the iPad. You carefully studied the image as you drew your picture, getting in all the detail in your drawing, right down to the Green Goblin's 'Goblin Glider' (I had to do some research Raffie, to find out what that was called)!





And with that, your book was complete! We used the stapler to bind your pages together. Awesome work Raffie! Your book looked fabulous. You went and put your book on top of the stereo by the mat, as you have seen your friends do when they have made books, ready for us to read at mat time. When your mummy came to pick you up, you ran up to her with your book behind your back and surprised her with it! Your mummy was very pleased to see your hard work Raffie!

What learning do I see happening for Raffaele?

One of the aspirations for all our children at Kindergarten is for them to develop a love of literacy. Making books and telling stories is a meaningful way for children to explore literacy and to begin to understand their world. While making his book today, Raffaele was exploring and discovering a different way to express his imagination and interests. He was also deepening his understanding that words can be used to tell a story, and that when written, these words can be read by others.

Literacy learning in the 21st century is complex and connected. It is much more than reading and writing. Book 17 of Kei tua o te Pae/ Assessment for learning, talks about a much broader view of literacy, this being oral, visual, and written. It acknowledges the importance in the early years of establishing a sound oral foundation, particularly in the realms of conversation and storytelling. This foundation is integral to the development of reading and writing.

Storytelling has been an interest for many children at Kindergarten, and over time it has become imbedded in the curriculum. Raffaele has observed his friends making books and telling stories, and is now beginning to explore this idea within the context of his own learning, and in a way that explores and acknowledges his own interests.

Raffie, Spiderman is a big interest of yours. In the story that Kim wrote for you 'Raffaele Explores His interest in Spiderman' she talked about how we will support you to make choices and follow your interests. You are certainly making wise choices for your learning Raffie, exploring your interests and passions in a variety of contexts.