



# The Everywhere Bear



A visual resource for children and adults with Autistic Spectrum Disorder.  
This resource is intended to help prepare any visitors for a new experience  
and to help them to become familiar with the show, surroundings and  
situation.

## The Show

The show lasts for 45 minutes and does not have an interval.

There are two performers in the show. Both performers act as characters and puppeteer.

This isn't an interactive show, but we always welcome vocal responses from young audiences, and you can join in by clapping along to the songs. The audience stay in their seats while watching, but you can leave and re-enter the auditorium at any time.

When the Everywhere Bear gets lost, he falls down a drain and we see an animation of him going down the drain into the sea. The theatre gets darker and there is a storm, with some loud noises of rain and thunder, and flashing lights. His adventures also include being thrown in a bin and taken to a rubbish dump, but he is of course rescued and reunited with the children at the end.

The show is based on the book *The Everywhere Bear* by Julia Donaldson.

## Synopsis

The Everywhere Bear has a wonderful time with the children in Class One, but one day he gets more than he bargained for when he falls unnoticed from a backpack and embarks on his own big adventure! He's washed down a drain and whooshed out to sea, rescued by a fishing boat, loaded onto a lorry, carried off by a seagull... how will he ever make it back to Class One?



## Characters

Matt and the Everywhere Bear, the seagull and the cat are puppets. All the other characters are played by the performers



Matt



The Everywhere Bear



Teacher- Mrs. McAllister



Mrs Bishop—Fish shop owner





Fishermen- Mohammad and Cerys



The Cat

Bethany Burke -  
Librarian



Other characters are Mum, the Workmen and Solomon Shriek the Seagull

## The Show

In this section special alerts are written in blue ink.



When you enter the auditorium you will see a school set up on stage, the stage is lit and joyful music is playing in the background.

Just before the show is going to start there is an announcement welcoming the audience and to remind them about switching off mobile phones. The lights in the auditorium then slowly dim.

The performers then come onstage and smile at the audience. They then sing a song about The Everywhere Bear.



This song then carries into the next scene and one of the actors puts on more clothes, some blue pointy shoes and her hair in a bun and becomes the teacher of Class One, Mrs. McAllister.

It's the end of the school day and Mrs. McAllister is deciding who The Everywhere Bear is going home with this weekend. She does this by singing a song about the adventures that The Everywhere Bear has had with the students.

She then chooses Matt who is new to Class One. She also tells Matt that The Everywhere Bear needs a lot of looking after. Matt is very excited to take The Everywhere Bear home and is imagining what adventures they will have together.



Matt then sings a song about their adventure over the weekend and how The Everywhere Bear is a good friend.

Matt tells the audience that on Saturday they went ice skating and on Sunday they had a picnic in the park and they played on the swings and with tea cups on a picnic rug.

Near the end of the song, Matt and The Everywhere Bear are having a picnic and a butterfly comes onstage and is flying around Matt and The Everywhere Bear making them laugh loudly.

The weekend has come to an end and Matt and The Everywhere Bear are in bed. Matt cannot wait to tell the rest of his class the adventures they had over the weekend.



It's Monday and Matt's mum wakes them up and tells them to get ready for school, however Matt is already up and ready for school which is very unusual for him!

It's raining outside so Matt's mum suggests that The Everywhere Bear goes into Matt's bag so he doesn't get wet.

When Matt's mum opens the door, it's raining.

We then hear loud rain and thunder sound effects.





Matt and his mum are walking to school, it's a wet and windy day. Matt sings a song about how he is walking to school in many different ways.

There are more sound effects of rain and thunder.

Halfway through the song/scene the set is changed into a building site.

We meet two workmen who are starting their day's work. One of the workers pulls out a pipe that's been in the ground, smells it then makes a loud noise letting the audience know that it's not a nice smell. He then tricks the other co-worker into smelling the pipe. They both make loud noises. One is laughing and one is disgusted by the smell.



The workmen leave. a mouse appears slowly followed by a cat. They come onstage and the cat chases the mouse around the site and over the bin until the mouse goes into the drain, the cat then goes off stage. The workmen return with paint brushes and paint. One paints while the other watches. They say 'yeah' alternating between them gradually getting louder and louder.

The workers then leave. The cat reappears as Matt is walking to school. Matt is holding The Everywhere Bear and he puts him down on the ground so he can play with the cat. Matt plays with the cat and the cat climbs on Matt's head which makes Matt laugh loudly.



Matt's mum calls for Matt as she doesn't want him to be late to school. Matt goes to her but forgets all about The Everywhere Bear and leaves him on the floor.

The rain starts to get heavier, and water rises in the work site picking up The Everywhere Bear who floats in a puddle and falls down the drain.



The lights onstage are dimmed and It's darker in the storm.

We see an animation of The Everywhere Bear going through the drain, into the sea.

The puppeteers bring on a big long sheet to represent the ocean. They do this in a sudden motion which makes a loud noise.

We see fish and a boat sails by and then we see The Everywhere Bear swimming and floating in the water.



Eventually The Everywhere Bear is caught in a fishing net and gets pulled out of the sea. The puppeteers then sing a song about the sea and how The Everywhere Bear is lost.

Meanwhile, Matt is arriving at school and is singing his walking to school song until he realises that The Everywhere Bear is LOST!

When he realises that The Everywhere Bear is lost Matt shouts, "OH NO! and "Everywhere Bear, WHERE ARE YOU?" Matt is extremely worried; He could be anywhere!



Two fishermen, Mohammed and Cerys, are out on their boat listening to their radio and don't notice that The Everywhere Bear is in their net!

The radio says that the weather is going to take a turn for the worse and that there is going to be a storm.

The fishermen's boat starts to rock, moving them from side to side.

There are loud thunder and heavy rain sounds. There are also flashing lights during this sequence.

After a while the storm dies down and the fisherman are finally able to drink their cup of tea!





We next see one of the fishermen, Cerys in a local shop called, 'Mrs Bishop's Fish Shop.' This is where we first meet Mrs Bishop, *she is a bold and loud character and makes a couple of loud jumpy noises throughout the scene.*

Cerys is selling fish to Mrs Bishop and accidentally sells The Everywhere Bear. Neither of them notice that The Everywhere Bear isn't a fish!



Cerys then leaves and Mrs Bishop sings a song telling us about her fish shop and showing the audience all the different types of fish she sells. A seagull, Solomon Shriek, comes and tries to steal her fish and she shouts to scare him away.

*She says her line "Oi you. Get off..." very loudly.*

She then carries on showing us her fish when the Seagull comes back. Again she tries to get the bird to go however, *Solomon Shriek starts attacking her, she then shouts "No, no get off!" loudly.*



After this the bird goes away and Mrs Bishop sings the rest of her song until she finds The Everywhere Bear! *She then says loudly that the bear is disgusting and throws him in the bin.*

We then see some visual effects on the screen showing us The Everywhere Bear's journey via a dustbin lorry and how he gets put in a dumping ground. *The lights are dimmed again and it's dark.* The puppeteers then sing a song about how The Everywhere Bear is still lost!



The Seagull is scavenging around the rubbish site and finds The Everywhere Bear, picks him up and carries him all over the city.

We see some more visual effects on the screen to show their journey and the lights are dimmed again. The set then changes into an amber lit town.

Matt is going to bed but he looks out of his window still upset about The Everywhere Bear's disappearance. He and his classmates are missing the bear very much.



The Seagull, still holding the bear, is momentarily perched on the roof above Matt, but he soon flies away. Perching on another rooftop the Seagull drops The Everywhere Bear who slides down the rooftop and lands in a hanging flower pot.

It's Wednesday morning and Bethany Burke is on her way to work in the library when she sees a bear's head poking out of a hanging flower bed.

She realises that it's a bear who is lost! She decides she's going to get the bear down and asks the audience for any spare chairs but then realises that there aren't any so decides to climb up.



When she is halfway up her phone rings quite loudly, she stops climbing and answers it.

When she is finished on the phone she then carries on climbing and rescues The Everywhere Bear. She then takes the bear into the library and puts him with the other lost and found.





The librarian sings a song about how lost things can always be found and shows the audience all the lost and found and different types of books that you can find in a library.

She opens up an umbrella suddenly and shows us that the umbrella is broken.

She then explains to the audience that Class One are coming to visit the library today and how they are all going to choose a book.

The children of Class One arrive and Matt is sat on the opposite desk to Bethany Burke.



Bethany then shows the children of Class One, a pop-up book of the stars and outer space, an alien book which she uses as a mask and a wizard book where she brings out a wizard wand. She talks to the audience as if they are the children in the class.

When all the other children have their books she goes over and talks to a very sad looking Matt who's still upset about losing The Everywhere Bear.



She explains to Matt that all the things we love are never really lost. She goes back to work when Matt cries "Look! It's The Everywhere Bear!"

He asks Bethany where she found the bear and she explains to him that it was The Everywhere Bear who found her.

Matt is really eager to take The Everywhere Bear back to school.



The set is transformed back into the school setting.

The Everywhere Bear is taken back to school and all the children and teachers are very happy to see him. Mrs. McAllister puts the Bear back on the shelf and says to the Bear, "I wonder where you've been." She then leaves the stage.

When The Everywhere Bear is alone he sings a short song about his whole adventure over the last couple of days.



The Bear is moving on its own, with a spot light on him.

The lights then go down. There will be an applause, you can clap if you want to.



Lights go back up. The puppeteers come back onstage with Matt and The Everywhere Bear and sing a verse of The Everywhere Bear song. They then bow and leave the stage while waving at the audience. You can wave and clap if you want to.

**This is the end of the show. We hope you enjoyed it!**