



# Cat School

## Odd Cat Out!

### About these resources:

This **educational resource pack** is based on the heart-warming new graphic novel "Cat School: Odd Cat Out!" and is an ideal learning resource for children in **Key Stage 2 (aged 7-11)**. Set in Cat School (a place where curious kittens learn to become confident cats) the story follows old friends Tangle and Eno as they begin a brand-new school year filled with exciting lessons, new classmates and unexpected challenges.

When they meet Pelly, a neurodivergent kitten who hides parts of herself to fit in, Tangle and Eno begin to learn more about friendship, understanding and accepting differences. Through this thoughtful and engaging story, children are introduced to themes of **neurodiversity, school transition, empathy and belonging** in an accessible and meaningful way.

This pack includes **activities, discussion questions and creative tasks** designed to encourage reflection, conversation and imagination. Featuring themes of friendship, identity, school life and self-expression, it is perfect for use both in the classroom and at home.



Rose Robbins is an award-winning Children's Book author and illustrator. She is known for featuring and celebrating neurodiversity in her work, taking inspiration from her own life experiences as both a young carer and a late-diagnosed autistic person. Rose currently lives with her partner in a flat in London, where they support a delightful cat.

### About the Author ↗





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### Sensory Sensitivity

Subjects: RSHE, Science (biology), Literacy.

Pelly is experiencing lots of sensory input on this page! For some people, loud or unexpected noises can feel overwhelming or even painful. This is called sensory sensitivity.

Everyone experiences the world differently. Some sounds might feel calming and enjoyable to one person, but uncomfortable or distracting to someone else.



### Discussion:

What sounds can you spot and name in the extract?








Do you have any favourite sounds that help you feel calm or happy? What kinds of sounds are they?

How could we help someone who is feeling overwhelmed by noise?



## Activity:

List some of your favourite sounds, tastes, smells, sights and textures in the left column, and some of your dislikes in the right column. Compare with a friend, do you have any in common?

	 NICE!	 NOPE!
 SOUND		
TASTE 		
 SMELL		
 SIGHT		
 TOUCH		



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### Collections and Treasures

Subjects: Forest School, Literacy.

Pelly loves collecting pinecones and seedpods and takes great pride in her special treasures. Collections can tell us a lot about the things people enjoy, find interesting or want to learn more about.

### Discussion

Do you have any collections?

Is there something you would like to collect in the future?

Do you know someone who collects things?

What do you like about the things you collect?

How could a collection be organised or displayed?


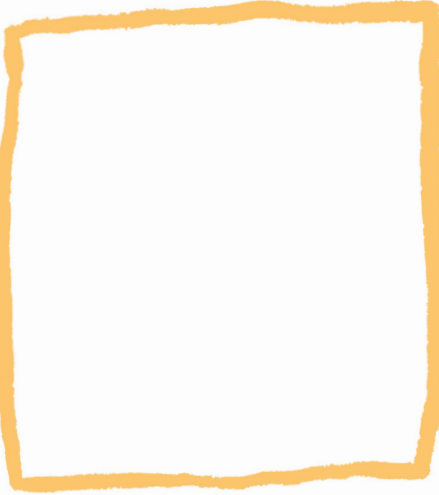
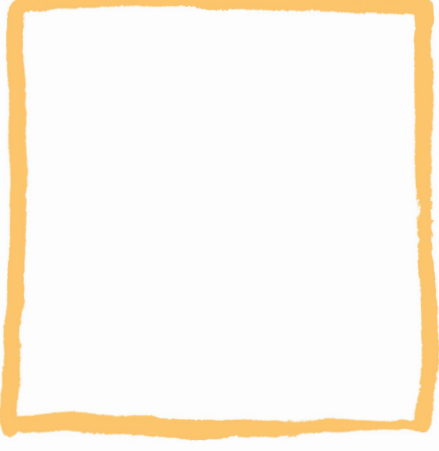
Where might you go to see a collection?



## Activity

Complete this nature treasure hunt record sheet by searching for interesting natural objects outdoors. Draw, describe or list the treasures you find and think about how you could organise your own collection.

# MY NATURE DISCOVERIES

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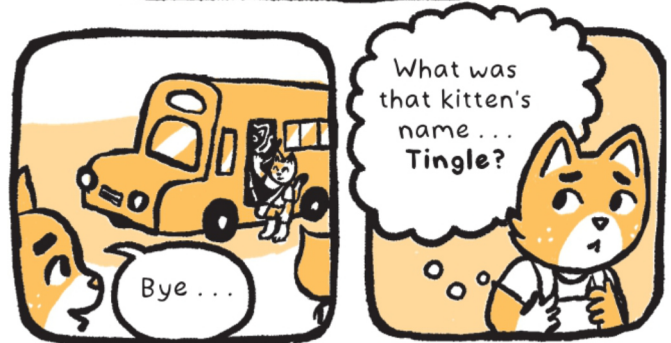
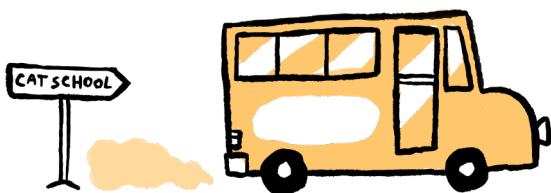
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### Comics and Storytelling

Subjects: Art Design and Technology, Literacy.

Cat School is a graphic novel, which means it tells its story using illustrations, panels, speech bubbles and thought bubbles as well as words. Comics combine pictures, reading and even rhythm to help bring characters and stories to life in a fun and engaging way.

Illustrations can show emotions, movement and action, helping readers understand the story in different ways.



### Discussion

How are comics different from other kinds of books?

What do illustrations help the reader understand?

How do speech and thought bubbles help tell the story?

Which do you notice first when reading a comic: the words or the pictures?

What makes comics fun or exciting to read?



## Activity

Create your own comic strip! Design characters and use speech or thought bubbles to tell a short story. You could create a funny moment, an adventure or even a day at Cat School.

