

Music and Play to support EY and KS1

Hannah and the Violin

By Satoshi Kitamura



*In this musical, magical story about imagination and play, Hannah's adventure begins when she thinks a leaf looks like something else... **Hannah and the Violin** is written and illustrated by Satoshi Kitamura. This means Satoshi wrote the story and created the pictures in the book.*



Leaf-rubbings

Hannah spots a leaf that she thinks looks like a violin. Leaves come in lots of different shapes and sizes. Can you collect some fallen leaves of different shapes and sizes and create your own leaf rubbings by covering the leaves with a piece of paper and running a crayon over the top of them?

Do the shapes of the leaves look like anything else? Perhaps you could turn your leaf rubbing into something else, it could be a boat with the leaf as a sail or a giant with leaves as big hands and feet! Be really creative!

What can you hear?

When Hannah starts to play her leaf-violin, she notices lots of different sounds. Why not take a trip into a garden or a park and listen to find what sounds you can hear? Perhaps you will hear birds, and insects, the wind rustling through leaves or grasses...

If your garden is in a busy part of the town or city you might hear the rumble of car engines, or the blare of beeping horns. Can you hear three different sounds when you are out and about?



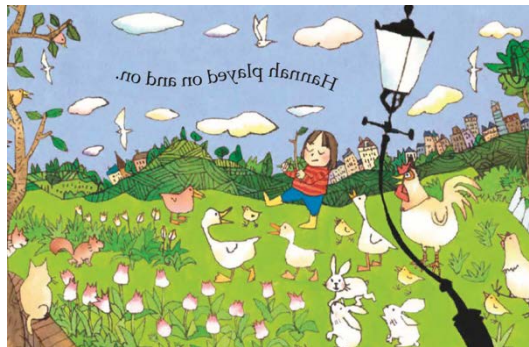
Take and make a sound stroll!

Whilst you are out in the garden or the park, you could go on a sound stroll! See how many different noises you can make whilst you are outdoors. You might try stomping in squelchy mud, or shuffling through rustling leaves or standing on fallen twigs to make them snap!

Moving to Music

How many different animals and insects can you spot in Satoshi's pictures? Listen to a piece of music and move and dance like some of the animals you can find in the book. You could buzz busily like one of the bees on the page where the insects wake in the flowerbeds, or maybe you could run, hop and jump like one of the rabbits?

Perhaps you could make a dance for a really big animal like a crocodile or an elephant and then for a tiny creature like a little ladybird? Can you draw a picture of the animals you have been?



Loud or quiet?

Some noises in music are loud, others are quiet. Can you crow loudly like the cockerel in the garden? Can you cheep-cheep quietly like the tiny little chicks?

What other noises do the animals, birds and insects in the book make?

Which of these words are noisy words and which are quiet words?

roar coo blast whisper hum shout

What's that noise?

Can you spot different instruments on the page where everything is singing and dancing to the music? You might like to visit the website for the Dallas Symphony Orchestra <https://www.dallassymphony.org/community-education/dso-kids/listen-watch/instruments/> where you can hear the different sounds these instruments make and discover more about the sounds other instruments make.

How do the different sounds the instruments play make you feel? Do any make you feel happy or sad, perhaps some seem dreamy and make you feel a little sleepy?

Thinking about playing...

Hannah wishes she had someone to play with when she is alone in the garden. Who are your favourite people to play with? Do you think it would be fun to play with Hannah from the story?

What games or toys do you like to play with most? Can you spot any of Hannah's toys in the book? What can you see?

Hannah is out in the garden, where is your favourite place to play and why?



Explore more stories by Satoshi Kitamura

Satoshi Kitamura who wrote the story and drew the pictures for **Hannah and the Violin** has created lots of brilliant books about imagination and play. You might like to explore some of these too!

Hat Tricks – can you guess the wild and wonderful creatures that come out of the magician's hat?

Lily Takes a Walk – can you spot some of the surprising things that happen when Lily goes for a walk with her dog Nicky?

Captain Toby -discover what happens when Toby imagines himself on a ship when a storm roars outside his house.

Why not see if you can find some of Satoshi's other books with a musical theme? You might need to ask in your library if they can help you find the story of **Igor, the bird who couldn't sing**, or to discover more about animals and the orchestra in his book, **The Carnival of Animals**.



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