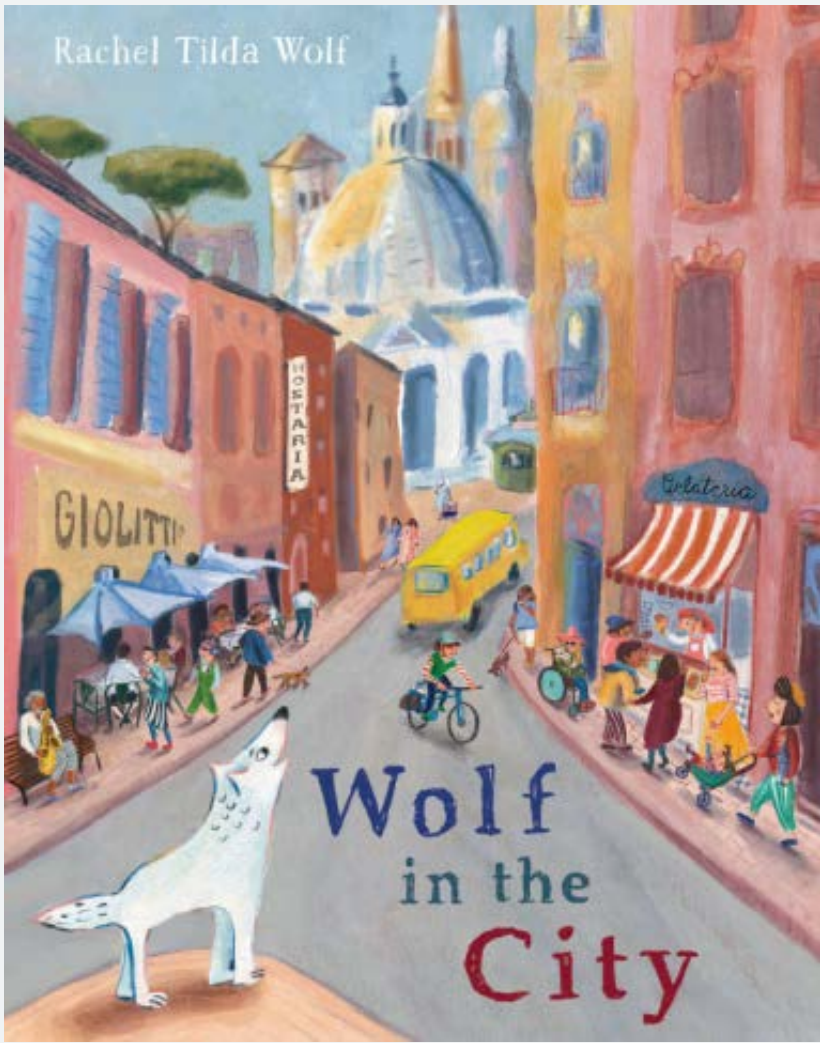


Wolf in the City

By Rachel Tilda Wolf

This is a story about the importance of home and belonging. Wolf is a young statue, in a city full of ‘celebrity’ statues. Surely she belongs with them rather than her dusty old square. We follow her journey through the city as she searches for her place, her home. She ends up discovering that home is not where she first thought.



1 A home is the place where a person lives, or where they feel that they belong and are safe. Wolf thinks she will find her home with other statues but realises that her square, full of chatter and laughter and light, is her true home.

What makes your home special?

Have a think about what makes your home special. You could draw and write down all your ideas below.

2 Wolf wants to belong. She wants to feel cared for and valued by those around her. Everybody wants to feel like they belong, and we all have the power to help others feel that way.

How do you make people feel as if they belong in your class or in a group situation?



Have you ever seen a statue? What was it a statue of? Perhaps it was of an animal or a person. Here are some famous statues that you could research and find out about:

- The Statue of Liberty
- Venus de Milo
- Tian Tan Buddha
- Discobolus
- Atlas by Ben Enwonwu
- Little Dance of Fourteen Years
- The Little Mermaid



4 Wolf is a wonderful statue - she sits proudly on her plinth in the middle of her square. Do you have a favourite animal that you would like to see turned into a statue.



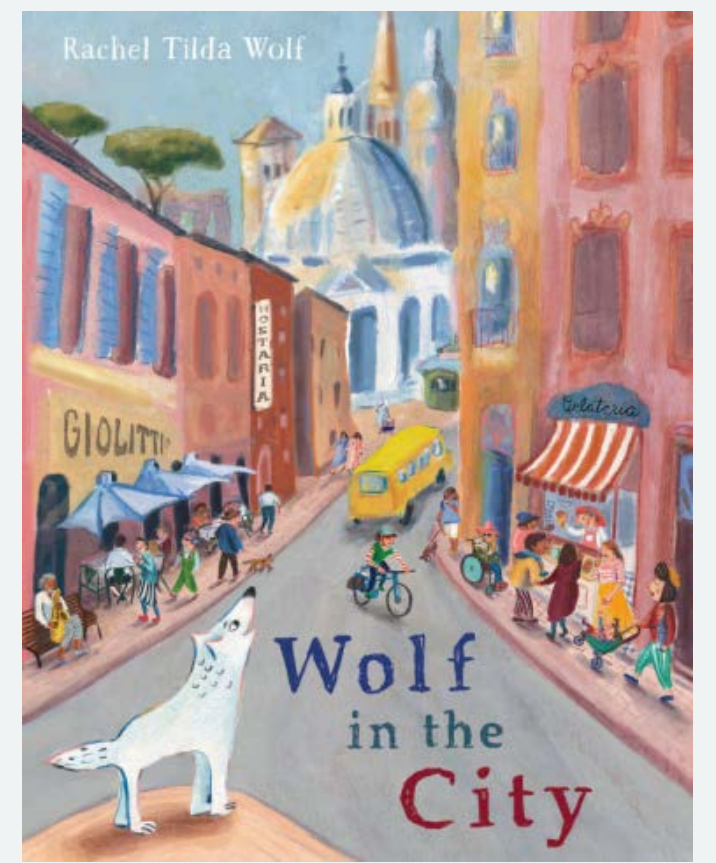
Use the activity sheet below to draw your favourite animal in statue form.

5 A statue is a type of sculpture that is a free-standing and 3D. It is usually a representation of a person, animal, or mythical being - just like Wolf in our story.

Can your use your hands to make a statue without designing it first -just see what happens if you experiment with different materials e.g. wire, clay and cardboard.

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What makes your home special? Draw your home below and write your ideas around it. (Think about the people or family who live in it, the items inside it, safety and security, neighbours, your room or your belongings.



Design your own animal statue

What is your favourite animal? Is it a wolf? Perhaps it is a lion or a horse. Whatever it is, use the space below to turn it into a statue fit for a plinth in the city square.

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