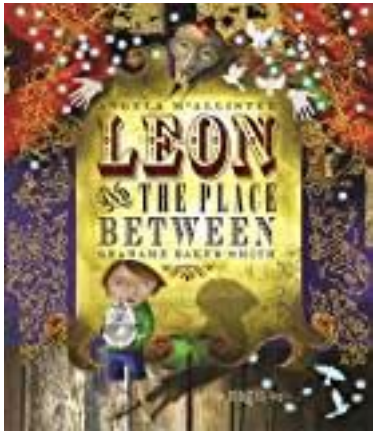


Book	Leon and the place between	
Author	Grahame Baker Smith	
Themes	Magic	

English

Look at the front cover of the book and discuss what it might be about. Who is Leon? Where is 'The Place Between'? Are there any clues in the illustrations? What does 'Let the magic begin...' mean?

Use a 'place between' in a story of your own. Where could your story's 'place between' be? Where is it between? What is it like? What happens there?

Look at the illustrations on the first page. How would you describe the show tent? How might Leon be feeling about going inside?

Write a set of instructions to teach somebody how to perform a magic trick.

Retell the story from Leon's point of view.

Write a newspaper article about the boy who disappeared during a magic trick in the show tent.

Create an advert to encourage people to buy tickets for the show.

Make a list of interesting vocabulary the author has used (e.g. beckoned, mechanical, pounding, and solemn). Can you think of definitions for these? Could you use some of them in your own writing?

Use the line "Now it's going to happen" as the first line in your own story.

Pause the story at the point when Leon is about to enter the box. Should he go in? Make a list of 'for' and 'against' arguments.

Imagine that Leon went through one of the 'doorways to Somewhere Else'. Write a story that describes what happened to him next.

Who is the boy in the Place Between? Write a character profile for him.

Write a sentence or paragraph to describe the Place Between. What things does Leon see there?

Can you act out the story a page at a time?

Phonics

Find words beginning with 'Ll' 'Bb' 'Pp' or any other letters. Then find words in the book that begin with those letters. Can you read them?

Can you make a list of rhyming words for cake?

Can you find every letter in the alphabet in the book?

Can you make a rhyming spell?

Maths

Design a spell, price the ingredients. See other sheet for items.

How much would a ticket for the show be? How much for your family? Your class?

ICT	<p>Record yourself retelling parts of the story.</p> <p>Draw a picture of the world between.</p> <p>Make a poster to advertise the magic show.</p>
PSHE	<p>Look at the faces of the people in the book. Describe how they are feeling.</p> <p>Abdul Kazam says ‘Trust Nothing... but believe everything.’ What does it mean to trust somebody or something? How can we help others to trust us?</p> <p>Learn a magic trick.</p>
Food tech	<p>What snacks might you get at the Magic show? Can you make one?</p>
Science	<p>Find out about rabbits. Are there different types of rabbit? Where do they live?</p>
	<p>Create a set of posters and flyers to promote Abdul Kazam’s amazing magic show.</p> <p>How do the illustrations in this book compare with those in other picture books? Which do you prefer? Why?</p> <p>Look at the illustrations of the show tent before and after the show. How do they compare? Can you create two pictures of a place before and after an event takes place?</p> <p>Watch this video showing how the illustrator created the images for the book. Could you use similar techniques to create images for your own story (or for a popular children’s book)?</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=xr7zwcmtKc&feature=emb_logo</p> <p>This book features a ‘hole ’in the pages when Leon enters and exits the box. Can you use a similar technique in your own book or drawings?</p> <p>Make a model show tent.</p>