## Teaching Notes: Fantastic Frankie

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#### SYNOPSIS

Frankie is a fox with plenty of style ... Fabulous in a rainbow cape, amazing in pirate boots and ready to take on the world in a gold crown!

Not everyone likes what Frankie wears ... The more Frankie tries to change, the more unhappy Frankie feels. But what happens when friends start to miss their old Frankie?

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Join Frankie on a journey of self-discovery and happiness and, above all, staying true to yourself.

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Jess Rose is an illustrator, author and designer, living and working in rural Yorkshire, in the UK, with her husband, 2 children and cat, Gizmo, and dog, Ghibli. When Jess isn't working and spending time with her family, she can be found walking in the countryside, wild swimming and practising aerial hoop. After years working in design, Jess eventually took the jump to grow the illustration side of her work, sign with an agent and follow her dream of working in children's publishing.

Jess has worked as an illustrator for several children's books and her illustrations have even featured on CBeebies bedtime stories. After illustrating many authors' wonderful stories, Jess decided she had her own stories to tell and began her journey as an author and illustrator. *Fantastic Frankie* is her debut book, written to encourage children to shine their own light and be confident in who they are.





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#### EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

*Fantastic Frankie* is an uplifting story about a fabulous, stylish fox who embarks on a journey of self-discovery. Frankie is absolutely fine 'being Frankie' until others start to question the clothes and style that Frankie likes to wear, and a seed of self-doubt is planted. This leads to a period of insecurity and sadness until Frankie finds a way forward. This is a personal book and the author wrote it to encourage children to shine their own light and be confident in who they are. A clever use of colour is used throughout the book to clearly convey different feelings and messages.

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#### **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

Before, during and after reading the book

- 1. Introduce *Fantastic Frankie* to the children and ask them what they think the story might be about.
- 2. Frankie is a fox with plenty of style. What does 'plenty of style' mean? Do you know anybody with 'plenty of style'?
- 3. Do you like to dress up and try on lots of different outfits? Do you have a certain style?
- 4. Why do you think Frankie's friends and others comment on Frankie's outfits? Is Frankie different from them? In what way?
- 5. Frankie isn't referred to as a boy or a girl, just Frankie. Do you think it matters what you wear if you're a girl or a boy?
- 6. At what point does Frankie realise that it's OK to wear what Frankie wears?
- 7. Talk about the use of colour in the book. What do you think the coloured parts mean and what do the black and white bits mean?
- 8. After reading the book, ask them what they thought of the story. Which was their favourite part and why?

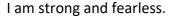






## CONFIDENCE CARDS

Confidence is about believing in yourself. Cut out these confidence cards and give them to your friends. You might want to keep some for yourself and put them up in your room. Ask an adult to help you!





Today is going to be a great day.



I believe in my goals and dreams.



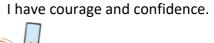
I believe in myself, as well as others.



Today, I will walk through my fears.



It doesn't matter what other people think.





Today, I choose to think positive.



I can make my dreams come true.



If I fall, I will get back up again.





### DRAWING ACTIVITY Design your own fabulous and stylish outfit!











**WORDSEARCH ACTIVITY** Find all the words below in the *Fantastic Frankie* wordsearch.



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