

Walk E: A Walk to School

Some little feet take in the view!

Local school children will be recreating Constable's walk to school and contemplating the Summer Evening view.

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Participants: [singing] We're going on a quest, we're going on a quest, we're going on a quest, we're going on a quest, I would walk 500 miles, I would walk 500 miles...

Participant 1: The grass looks like waves because it's moving.

Participant 2: Oh I know.

Participant 1: Like wavyly.

Participant 2: Wavys!

EL: Only in the long grass and then the short grass isn't moving at all

Participant 1: Yeah short grass moves

EL: Can we see the church? Where's the church steeple?

Participant 1: Um, there near the big tree.

EL: Oh yes, there. Can you see?

Participant 1: Yeah, we walked away from there.

Participant 3: I can't see it.

EL: Do you see? Right, let me come over to your side. Do you see?

Participants:

Yeah, I can see it.

Oh yeah!

Oh I see it! Yeah I see it.

EL: Yeah yeah. So that's really important because the church hasn't... the position of that church was here when Constable was alive and so in his picture it's there. So that is the constant when you're looking at this landscape through the picture, you try and match up where the church is and then you'll be able to...

AC: Does anyone know what type of tree this is?

Participant 1: An oak tree?

Participant 3: I don't know.

AC: I think it might be an oak tree.

Participant 2: A tree tree. A full tree oak tree. Because the leaves look so much like an oak tree.

EL: What are the sheep doing?

Participants:

They're eating biscuits. They're eating the grass. They're gonna... They're sleeping. They're eating biscuits every day! Some of them are sleeping and some of them are eating biscuits. And they always hide under the ground. And they're behind the TV.

EL: I think they're trying to stay out of the sun in the shade.

Participants: Yes. Those two aren't, they're in the sun.

EL: Right, very good.

AC: Let's take it in turns to hold the iPad. And one of you might have to hold it, and then you might need to cooperate a little bit. And then someone else will have to hold a little bit of paper, and then someone else will look at it. So, if someone... who wants to hold it first?

Participant: Me.

AC: Okay, you were first. We can swap round.

Participants: Hello. It's hard to see the grass moving. That's me. Hi.

AC: I need you to look at the iPad...

Participant: Oh my god, your eyeball.

AC: And face the scene. Two threes. So you... You're doing pairs, aren't you? Four there and two there. So, the next person has to hold this bit of paper and

this little bit here is going to make Constable's picture magically appear on the iPad.

Participant: Okay.

EL: So we wave it in front of the camera.

AC: You might need to do a bit further away.

Participants:

Woah!

I can see the picture!

I can see the picture! Yeah!

EL: Well done!

Participant: It's a barcode!

AC: The bit of paper might blow in the wind a little bit.

Participant: Guys, it's not magic, it's a barcode

AC: Now if you come a little bit closer, hopefully in the picture, you might see a cow.

Participant: Oh, a cow.

AC: And some trees. And right in the middle there is a white square, it's really small! And that's the church tower there. Right, shall we show you? So see if you can try and line them up.

Participant: It's glitching away!

AC: So, and then you might need to come a bit up here, so you might need to go a bit further away, and a bit over here, and there you go. So can you see in the picture there's a cow, and if you hold it up a little bit, you can see this tree that's still in the field there. If you hold this one up a little bit more, so there.

Participants: I noticed something!

What?

I noticed something. In the picture, that tree had way more leaves than branches!

AC: Yeah it did, I wonder if that's because the tree's so old that maybe some bits of it have died? Because if it was there, this was painted probably nearly 200 years ago?

Participants: Wow

And those are sheep, not cows!

AC: Yeah. There's quite a few birds as well, isn't there?

Participant: That tree! That is...That isn't there in the picture!

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Participant: Are we going to stop here soon?

AC: Yeah, we'll walk down here for a bit and then we'll stop about halfway and maybe do some more drawing.

Participant: Is the idea, like at the end you have lots of drawings of like the nature?

AC: Yeah, and then it's like a record of our day. Next day we're writing. write a little story

Participant: I remember I saw a pigeon and a butterfly

AC: Do you know what colour the butterfly was?

Participant:

Um, yeah, there was a blue butterfly.

AC: Blue butterfly?

Participant: Yeah. A blue one, and I think it had a bit of purple on it.

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AC: I can see some fish.

Participant 1: Watch out, the cows are coming! Watch out, fish, the cows are coming!

AC: Do you think cows eat fish?

Participant 1: Nah, they might crush them with their hooves!

Participant 2: They're herbivores so they won't

AC: I think they probably eat grass, don't they?

Participant 1: Still, they could crush them with their hooves.

Participant 2: They probably would crush them with their hooves.

Participant 1: That one looks like it was smiling

Participant 2: What? Which one's smiling?

Participant 3: Here comes the other cow

AC: There's a big fish here.

Participants:

That's a really big one. Right in the deep end.

Look at that cow, that is right in there now. Look at him!

Oh, he's doing a poo.

He's doing it in the toilet!

AC: I'm not sure I want to go for a paddle in there anymore.

Participant:

Is that a baby cow? I think that is. I think that is. It's a fish! It just did droppings! I don't really want to paddle there anymore. They did droppings!

Participant: Who paddles with a cow?

Participant: That cow's got skids. It's got skids. It's got skids. Instead of having knickers on, it's got it on its own butt and it's got skids.

AC: I think she means it's got a bit of poo on its bum

Participants: Laughs

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Participant: We're going to go past my home.

AC: Do you walk to school every day?

Participant: Yeah

AC: Would you want to walk all the way from East Bergholt every day?

Participant: No. Would you?

AC: No, I wouldn't. It's a nice walk, though.

Participant: I would if I was a demon. Then I could, like, eat everybody so I wouldn't get stuck.

AC: That's true. And you might have wings so you could fly.

Participant: Yeah, but then I could eat birds. That would be good. Wait, no. I wanted to be a bird catching spider. That is as big as a plate so I could eat all the birds. That would be nice.

Participant 2: Once we done a double backflip together!

AC: I don't believe that!

Participant 2: No we actually did

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AC: Do you know what type of birds they are?

Participant: Swans!

AC: Swans? Oh, did you see them by the river nesting?

Participant: And secretly there's a baby one

AC: Do you know what baby swans are called?

Participant: I can't remember

Participant: Cygnets!

AC: That's it! I could never remember that when I was a little kid I used to call them squablings

Participant: Do you know what my first word was...

AC: What was that?

Participant: It was very cheeky but it was 'shut up'.

AC: Shut up? Wow.

Participant: So when I was talking I said shut up!

AC: That's a good one.

Participant: So my mum was like get out of here YOU baby! My mum was very cheeky

Participant: Are you sweaty or is it just me?

AC: It's quite hot now isn't it?

Participant: It was a bit cloudy this morning. I think they were going East. Maybe they went to Australia. Or maybe they went to Majorca. Have you heard? There was a tsunami in Majorca a few days ago.

AC: Was there?

Participant: It was quite a big one actually.

AC: That must be quite scary.

Participant: Yeah. It nearly knocked down a five-layered building.

Participant: Oh no, my grandma picking me up... My grandma's quite cheeky.

AC: Is she?

Participant: She never lets us go to the park.

Participants:

My granny gives me so much food. She makes the nicest food.

My, my nan makes the best rolls.

She makes stuff that I've never even eaten.

AC: Do you like trying new things?

Participant: Yeah, I like trying.

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Participant 1: How old are you?

Participant 2 (a chaperone): I'm nearly 47

Participant 3: Ooh, my dad's 46

Participant 1: You're pretty old.

Participant 2: I know, I am. I'm a pretty old mother. I was busy working for so long.

Participant 3: Doesn't matter. It doesn't matter what age you are, just how you look inside.

Participant 2: Oh, bless you! That's a lovely thing to say.

Participant 1: My legs are killing me

Participant 2: My feet are killing me. I've worn the wrong shoes.