

6.0 Fantastic Frog Fun

This section offers ideas for activities that can be used to compliment the delivery of Section 1 to lower primary classes. Activity ideas could be used to introduce the topic at frogs, as a reward at the conclusion of the program or as extra activities throughout the program. The activities would also be suitable if your class decides to host a 'frog day' to promote environmental awareness.

Frog Fun Ideas

- Frog dress-up day
- Frog craft (refer to activity sheets)
- Frog Facts quiz
- Frog masks (see below)
- Cooking with Frogs (see below)
- Frog songs (see below)
- Frog story-books (see below)

Frog Songs

Some popular frog songs include:

- Frog jumped out of his pond one day
- Der-glumph went the little green frog
- Two little speckled frogs
- Frog went walking on a summers day

Frog story-books

There are a range of popular children's book with stories about frogs available from most school and public libraries. These include:

- Tiddalik the Frog
- 'Lester and Clyde' (series of books)
- Picasso the Green Tree Frog

Frog Masks

One simple way to make a mask is to cut a paper plate in half. The flat side sits across the child's cheek (with a small area cut out for the nose to make it more comfortable). The mask can be coloured or painted green, and egg-carton cups could be used above the eye-hole to make 'bulging eye'. Elastic can be stapled either side of the paper plate to hold the mask in place.

Frog Cup Cakes

Decorate pre-cooked cupcakes as follows:

1. Make a butter icing mix (adding food dye to make green icing).
2. Ice Cupcake.
3. Cut marshmallows in half lengthways and widthways (so you end up with a thin slice of marshmallow in a semi-circle).
4. Push a dark coloured smartie onto each piece of marshmallow and position 2 on each iced cupcake to make 'bulging eyes'.
5. Position a smartie on the cupcake for the mouth
6. Enjoy!

NB: Cupcakes could be baked in class if time and resources permit.

Frog in a Pond.

The jelly will need to be made early in the day so it has time to set (alternatively they can be made the afternoon before and used the next day).

1. Each child is to receive one jelly cup with a Freddo Frog embedded in it. Each cup holds about 200ml of jelly, so you will need to calculate how much jelly you will need for your class.
2. Make up jelly in one lot following instructions.
3. Plastic cups should be placed on a tray or container that fits easily into the fridge. Pour 200mL of jelly into each cup.
4. Refrigerate jelly until it is cool, but not set.
5. Place Freddo Frogs in the jelly.
6. Jelly will set around the chocolate frogs.
7. When jelly is set, enjoy!

Frog prizes

You may like to include prizes for activities. You could use Freddo Frogs or Frog lollies or novelty frog toys (from Souvenir Shops).

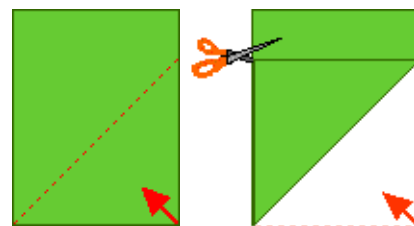
6.1 Origami Frog

Make your own jumping frog using a piece of paper.

All you need is:

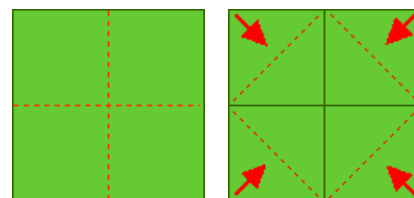
- a piece of A4 paper or light card
- a pair of scissors
- a texta or crayon.

1. Make a square piece of paper by folding one corner of a piece of paper over to the adjacent side.



2. To finish making the square, cut the rectangle, overlapping the triangle. Open up the triangle and you have a square.

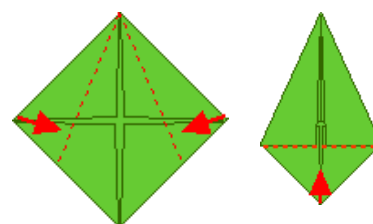
3. Fold the opposite sides together then unfold. Repeat folding the other sides. Open into a square again.



4. Fold each of the four corners to the centre point.

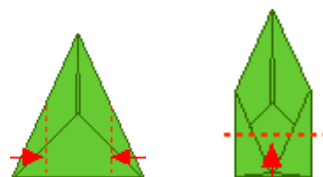
5. Fold each of the two top edges to the centre line.

6. Fold the triangle at the bottom upwards.



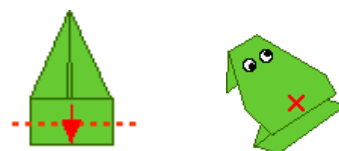
7. Fold each of the bottom two corners to the middle of the bottom edge.

8. Fold the bottom portion upwards (along the dotted line shown).



9. Fold the top half of the lower rectangle downwards toward yourself. This forms the frog's legs.

10. Give your frog a head by folding a small part of the upper point downwards. Draw two eyes.



To make your frog jump, push down on the "X" and slide your finger away from the frog.

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6.2 Paper Plate Frog

These frogs are fun and easy to make and look great hung in the classroom.

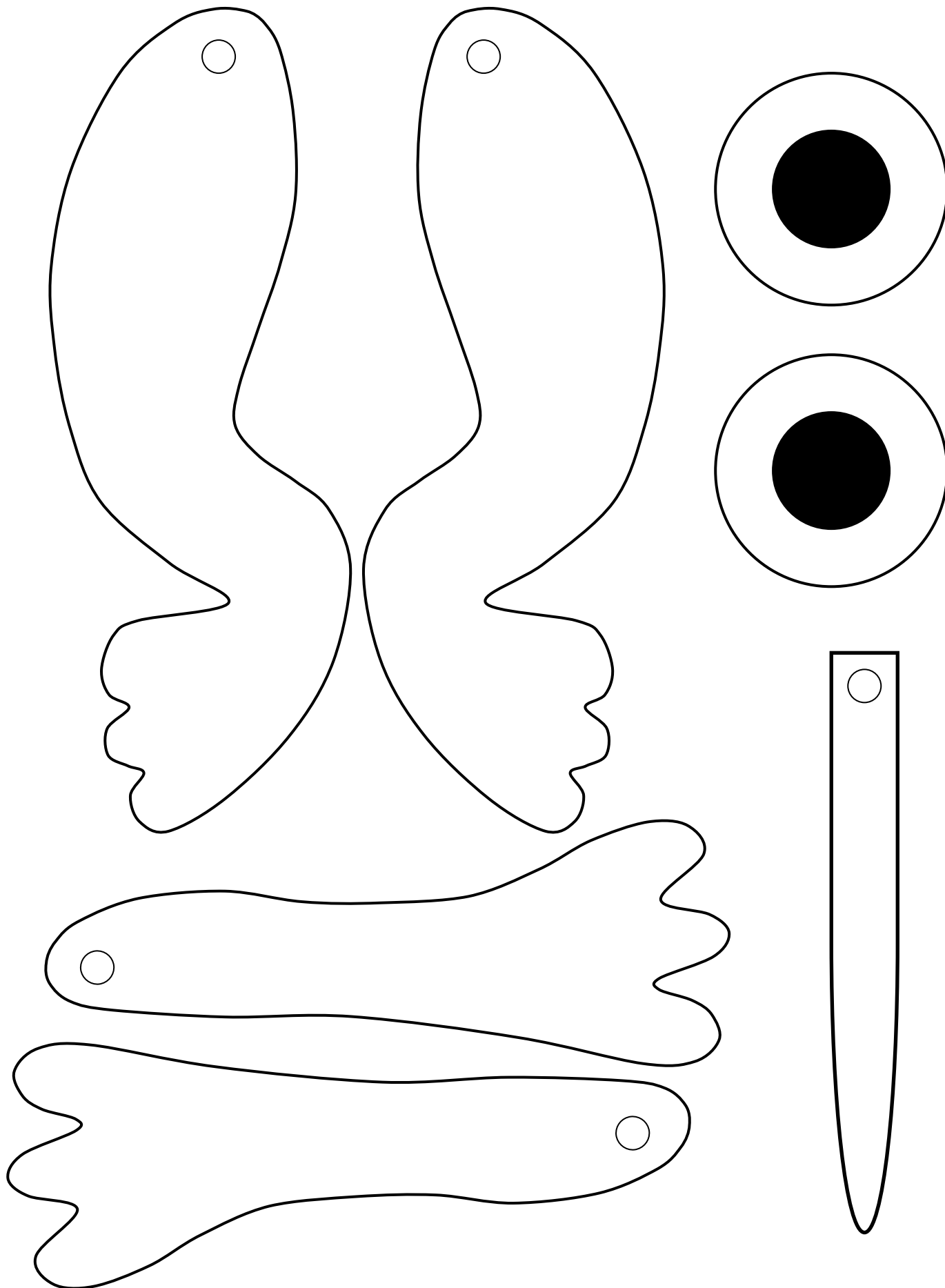
Before you start you will need:

- Paper Plate Frog Templates (photocopied onto white paper)
- Paper plate (painted or coloured green)
- 2 egg carton cups
- Scissors
- Glue
- Split Pins
- Stapler

Making your paper plate frog:

1. Staple egg carton cups onto paper plate.
2. Colour/decorate the frog legs and tongue.
3. Cut out the legs, tongue and eyes.
4. Glue the eyes onto the egg carton cups
5. Fold 1cm of the leg over and make a crease on the fold. Turn the leg over and fold another 1cm over and crease. Repeat until the leg is 'crinkled'. Repeat for remaining 3 legs and tongue.
6. Use split pins to attach the legs and tongue to the paper plate.

6.2 Paper Plate Frog Templates Templates



6.3 Paper Bag Puppet

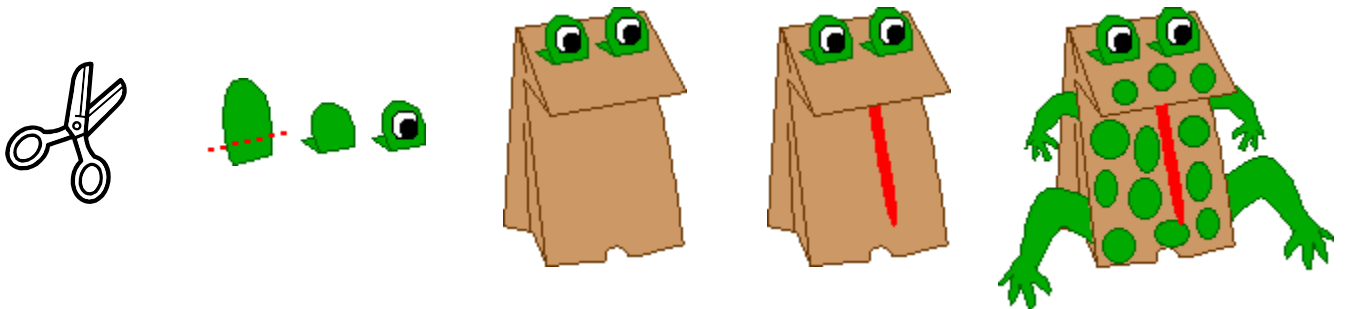
These puppets are simple to make and fun to decorate.

Before you start you will need:

- Paper Bag Puppet Templates (photocopied onto green card/paper)
- Paper bag (preferably with 'square' base)
- Scraps of coloured paper (white & black for eyes, red for tongue)
- Glue
- Scissors

Making your frog puppet:

1. Cut out the legs, eyes and spots.
2. Cut out a white circle about the size of a 20c coin and a slightly smaller black circle. Glue the black circle onto the white circle to make the eyeball. (NB: large googly eyes could be stuck onto eye template with PVA glue instead).
3. Fold the green 'eye' along the dotted line. Glue the eyeball to the green eye.
4. Glue the folded base of the eyes onto the paper bag.
5. Cut a tongue out of red paper. Glue it in the frog's 'mouth'.
6. Glue on two short arms and two long legs.
7. Glue on green shapes.



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