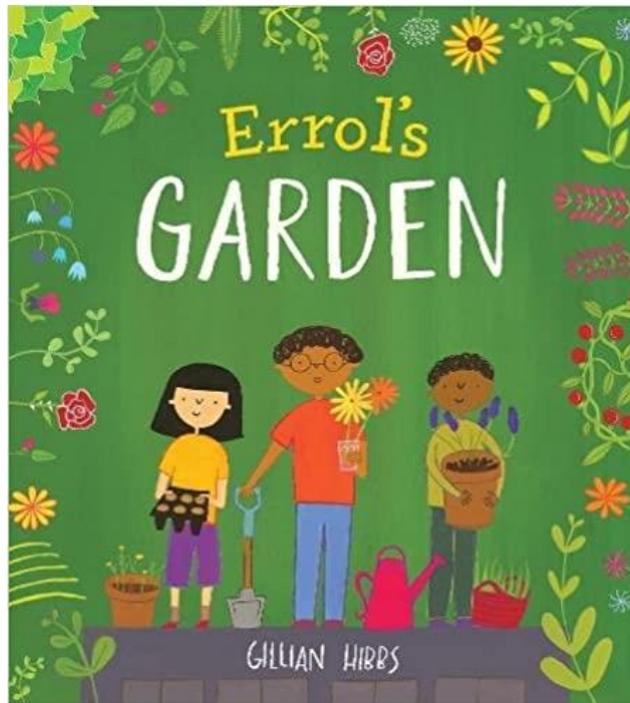


No Outsiders – home learning

Errol's Garden by Gillian Hibbs



(2018, Childs play Inc)

<https://www.foyles.co.uk/witem/childrens/errols-garden,gillian-hibbs-gillian-hibbs-9781786280848?term=errol%27s+garden>

Blurb: Errol loves gardening, but he doesn't have a real garden. Although his home is full of beautiful plants, he longs for an outdoor space where he can grow things.

A chance discovery leads to a solution, but Errol can't do everything on his own. Luckily, help is near at hand.

A heart warming and inclusive tale about how one boy's dream of a garden unites a diverse community in a positive and enriching experience for everyone.

Gillian Hibbs reads "Errol's garden" here <https://youtu.be/96V4WtFc4K8>

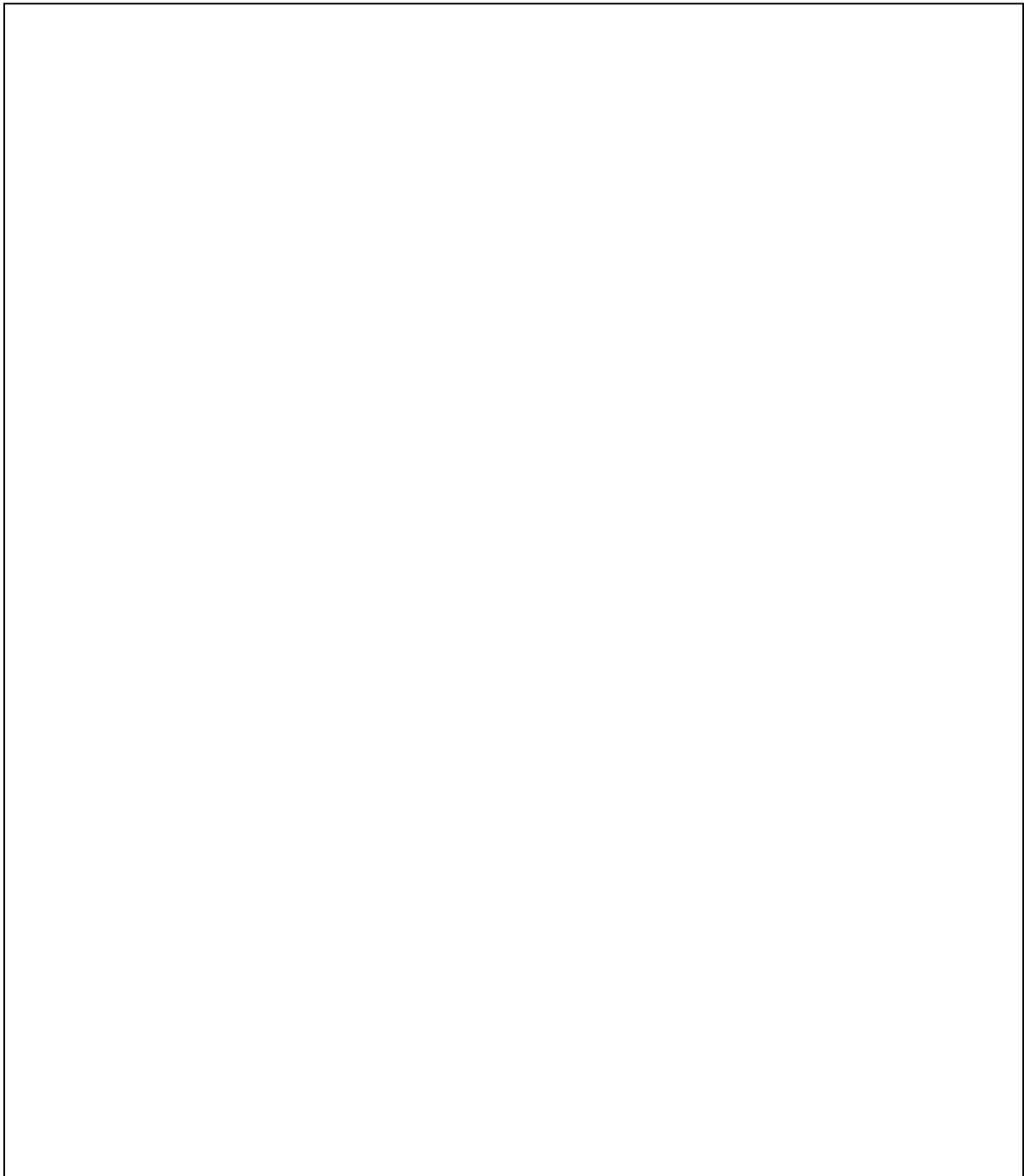
No Outsiders links: diversity, community cohesion, inclusion, working together

There are seven activity sheets here, aimed at Key stage 1 or lower Key stage 2 children. But anyone is welcome to listen to the story and join in the activities!

No Outsiders – home learning activity 1

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Look at the picture on the front cover of the book. Draw a new book cover about your garden with your name in the title. Choose the people who might help you make your garden and draw them next to you. Everyone should hold a different plant. Draw plants and flowers around the border of the book.



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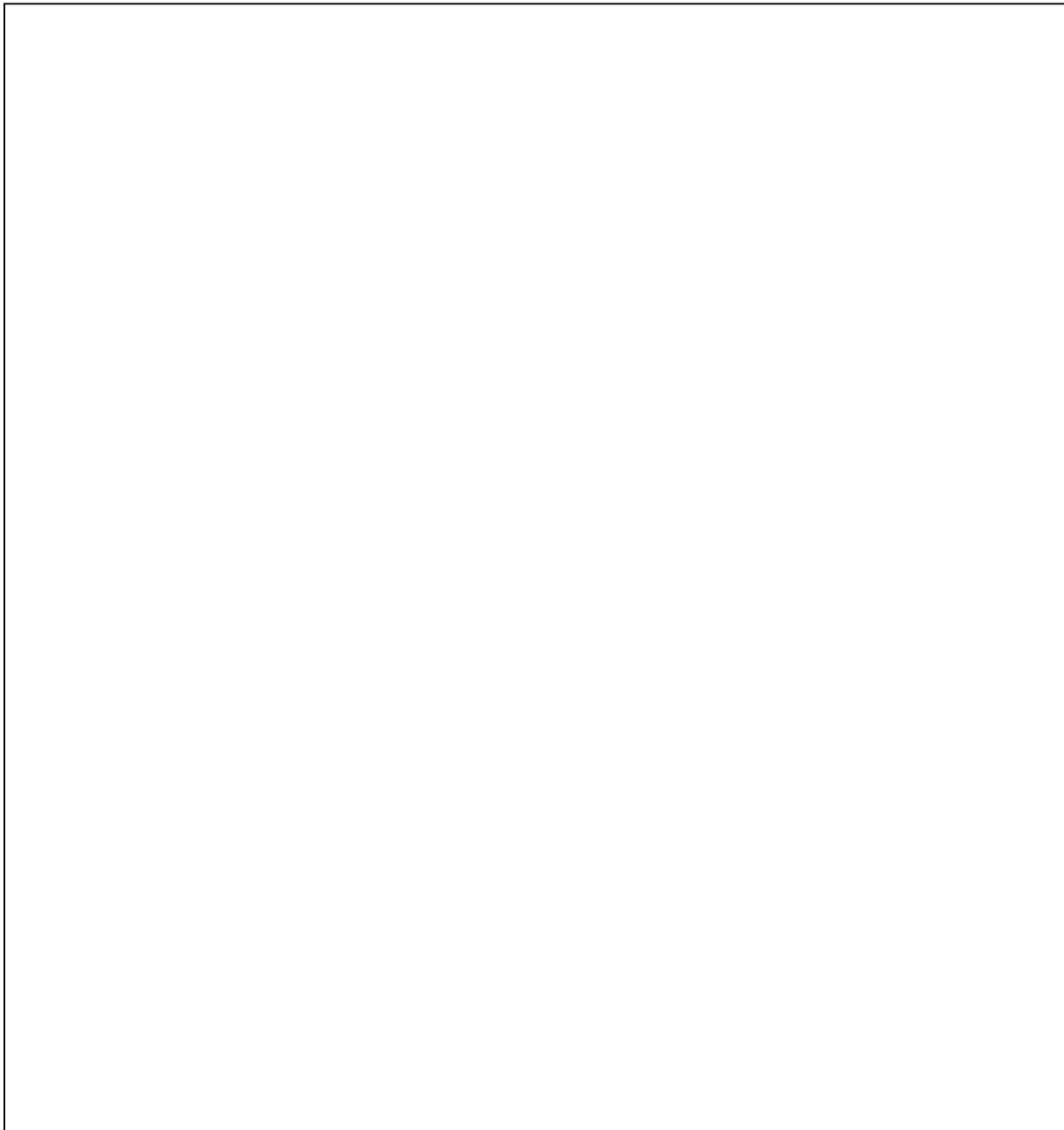
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Look at the page where we see all the different plants Errol grows in his home. The page shows Errol is growing 16 different plants. Can you find pictures of 16 different plants to draw in the boxes below? You could search on the internet for help. If you found their names you could label them.

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Errol's Garden by Gillian Hibbs

Errol dreams about his garden a lot. What is in your dream garden? Are there different plants? A bit of grass, a pond, a play area, a seating area, or none of these? Different plants and flowers or all the same? Is the garden a square shape, rectangle, circle or other shape? Design your garden below and label the different parts.

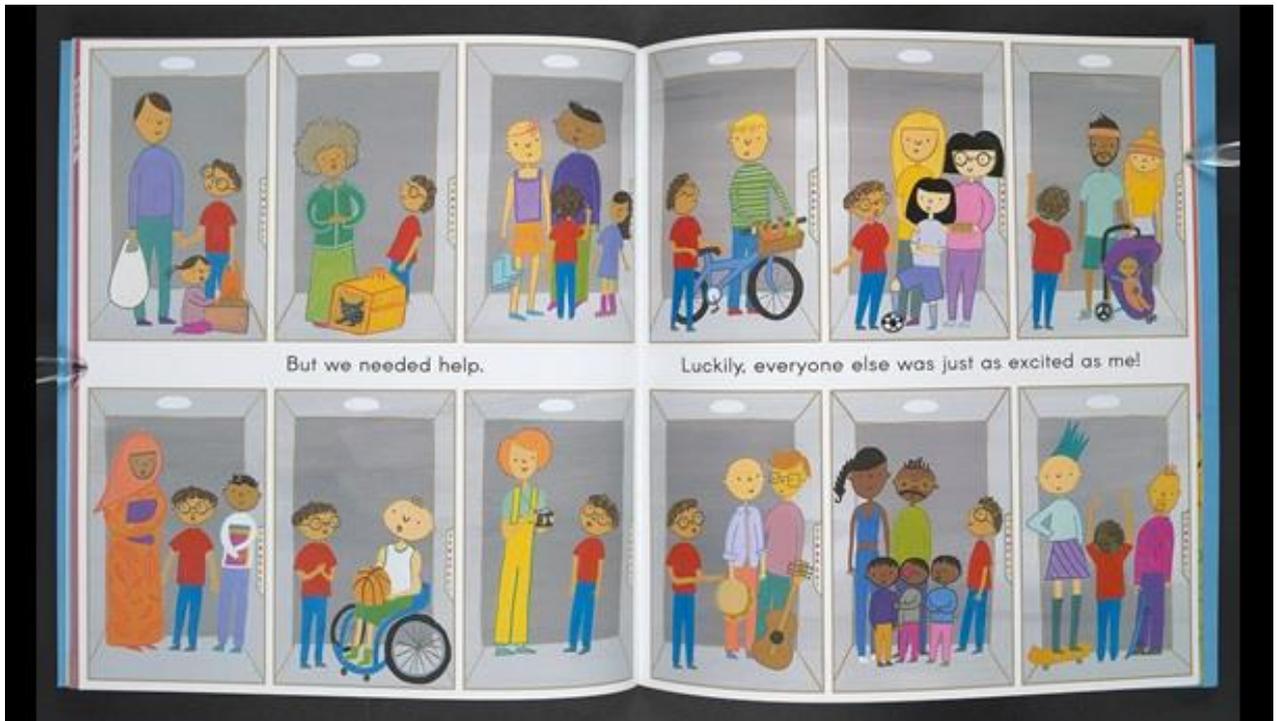


There is a great garden outline you can use, drawn by Gillian Hibbs and available on her website <https://www.gillianhibbs.co.uk/Printables>

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Errol's Garden by Gillian Hibbs

Look at the page where Errol asks for help. Does anyone say no? Why not?



(image from Errol's garden by Gillian Hobbs, 2018, Childs play)

What do you notice about the people Errol asks for help; are they all the same? In the boxes below create 12 families you can ask for help to make your garden. Make sure they all look different.

No Outsiders – home learning activity 5

Errol's Garden by Gillian Hibbs

We don't hear what Errol said to each family. Do you think he asked for help politely? Think about the words Errol said to each family when they opened the door. What were the very first words he said?

What would he say next?

If a person said, "I'm not very good at gardening," what would Errol say to them?

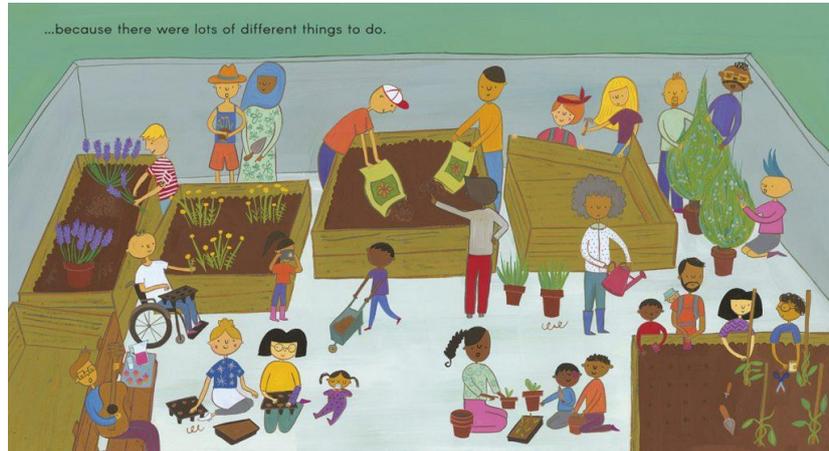
If a person said, "I don't know what to bring," what would Errol say?

If a person said, "But I don't know anyone in these flats," what would Errol say?

No Outsiders – home learning activity 6

Errol's Garden by Gillian Hibbs

Look at this picture of the families making the garden:



(image from Errol's garden by Gillian Hibbs, 2017, Child's play)

What do you notice about the families in this picture? Are they mixed up? Why are they mixed up?

What does this show us about the different people in this garden?

Draw the different families who are helping build your garden. Make sure they are all mixed up and helping each other.

No Outsiders – home learning activity 7

Errol's Garden by Gillian Hibbs

Did you know there are lots of real life Errol's getting different people together to make a garden?



The Hogweed gardening club has 40 members in Derbyshire.



Julie lives in a block of flats with her son in Aberdeen and they have created Berry garden for their local community



And these neighbours in New York, USA, made a community garden together.

Here are some pictures of real roof gardens:



This garden is in London



This garden is on top of a bus in Spain to help make the air cleaner for us.



And this garden is in New York, USA.

The last page of the story shows lots of roof gardens on top of blocks of flats. Draw your own picture showing roof gardens on the top of different buildings. Show different shapes and sizes of buildings. You could show different people and different families enjoying their community gardens.

