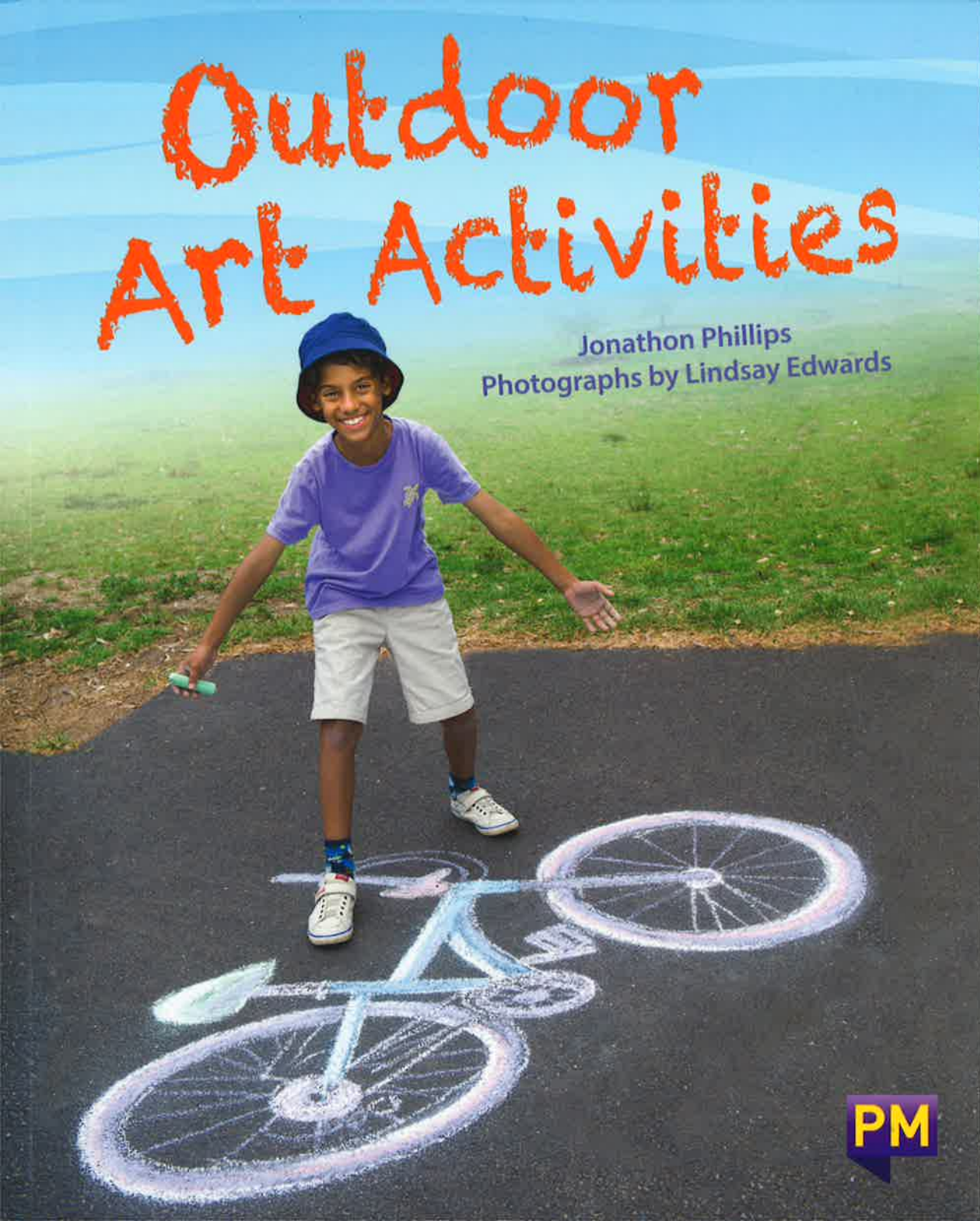
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Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the main steps in the correct order in his or her own words. Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

1 What can an artist use to draw on concrete paths?
2 What happens when the mixture of blue food dye and water is added to the picture?
3 Why does the artist smudge the chalk on the sidewalk art?

Inferential

4 Why are the leaves on some trees many different shades of green?
5 Why does an artist need to be sitting somewhere comfortable before beginning to draw?
6 Why does the artist use a clipboard when drawing the tree?
7 Why does the artist need to go inside the classroom to finish the colourful tree picture?
8 Why is damp sand more suitable for sculpting?
9 Why is a paintbrush useful for smoothing out the face of the sculpture?

Applied Knowledge

10 Why are drawing, painting and sculpting enjoyable activities?
11 Why are clouds a suitable subject for artwork?
12 Why is it important for artists to sign their work?

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Art Outside

Drawing, painting and sculpting are fun art activities to do. Most of the time, these activities are done inside the classroom, but they can be just as enjoyable to do outside. The light outside is brighter, so the artist can see things more clearly. An artist can make amazing art by looking at different things outside, such as the trees, shadows, clouds and animals.

Artists can also draw in sand with sticks, or shape sand into beautiful sculptures. They can draw with charcoal or chalk on concrete paths. There are so many things an artist can use instead of a pen and paper.

Here are three art activities that can be done outside.





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A Very Colourful Tree

Trees are wonderful to draw. They come in many different sizes, shapes and colours. If you are ever unsure about what to draw, go outside and look at a tree.

Look closely at the leaves of the tree. What colour are they? Are they green? What shade of green are they? You will see that leaves can be many different shades of green. The same tree could have light-green, dark-green, blue-green and lime-coloured leaves.

Goal

To make a picture of a tree with brilliant leaves of different colours

Materials

You will need:



- a clipboard



- a sheet of white paper

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- a pencil



- oil pastels



- a cap of blue food dye mixed into a glass of water



- a paintbrush.



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Steps

1. Choose a tree to draw. Make sure it has lots of leaves. Find a comfortable place to sit where you can clearly see the tree.



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2. Place the sheet of paper on the clipboard. Using the pencil, draw a curved line across the page, near the bottom. This will be the ground.

3. Draw the tree trunk.



4. Draw the thicker branches coming from the trunk of the tree.

5. Add some smaller branches.

