

'Gateways Experience' by Isabel

Today I'll be telling you about my experience at Gateways! Gateways is where people who enjoy writing, acting, math and much more have the opportunity to go to a special program to do all these things!

In our first lesson, we met a poet and a cartographer (someone who studies maps and draws them all in one). His name was Cameron. Our first activity was a brain map, like literally, in front of us we had a sheet of paper with a drawing of a brain and we had to fill it in with all the things we enjoy. Then we did something like a 'gallery walk' and looked at everyone else's brains!

After that, we made a map based on the story 'When My Golf Ball Never Came Back' by Andy Griffiths. We made our own map of where the boomerang went and a story with it.

Our last activity was to create a map (another one!) and a story to tell you how you find treasure on a map.

Then it was our next session with Rachel. She shared her love for King Arthur and the story - The Sword in the Stone. We first read the story. Then we talked about quests like in Bluey (go and watch it, it's great!) and what we need in quests. I have made a list:

Leaving home

Treasure

Obstacle

Problem

Then we made our own quest!

Our final activity was to draw a picture of 'important people' (actually family or friends) on a big round table so everyone has a fair voice. Then we drew a picture of us as king, queen, princess or prince and a story with it.

Then it was time to go home! I hope I can go again!