

Script for leaders

Follow along with the video session for 'Mark my words'.



Explain what you're doing today and make sure everyone has what they need. You could say something like:

Today we're going to think about how we take after books and build our skills as we make some monster bookmarks.

To make a monster bookmark, all you'll need is a pair of scissors, some card, and some pens or pencils. If you have a hole punch, googly eyes, or pipe cleaners, they'll be useful too. Everyone got their scissors, card, and pens or pencils? Hold them up to the camera... excellent, let's go.

Talk everyone through the first few steps of cutting out a piece of card and asking a grown up to cut slits like the video shows.

Explain that the next step is to cut the strip to make a cool-shaped nose. You could say something like:

Carefully snip across the bottom of the slit to make a monster nose and turn it into a creative shape.

Tell everyone how to add eyes and antennae. As they're concentrating, talk about how the bookmarks will help everyone look after books. You could say something like:

Add your googly eyes (or draw some on). It's a monster, so it's up to you how many eyes it has. Then add your antennae – you could draw or stick some paper ones on. The person in the video is making holes and threading pipe cleaners through – clever!

These bookmarks will help you to look after your books – folding over pages or leaving books upside down is really bad for them so it's super-useful to have a bookmark that keeps your page while looking cute (or scary).

Finally, ask everyone to hold their monster bookmark up to the camera so everyone can see.