



Get busy with Activity Time!

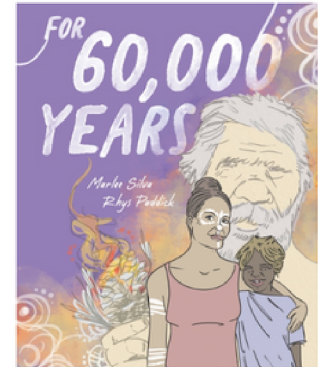
For 60,000 Years

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Themes: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures, First Peoples, First Nations, Strength, Respect, Culture, Community

Activity age: All ages

Acknowledgement of Country Artwork

Explore the natural elements of your local area and use this as inspiration for an artwork that acknowledges and pays respect to the traditional owners of the land you are on.

You might like to start this activity by inviting an Elder from your local language group to share a story about their connection to the local area.

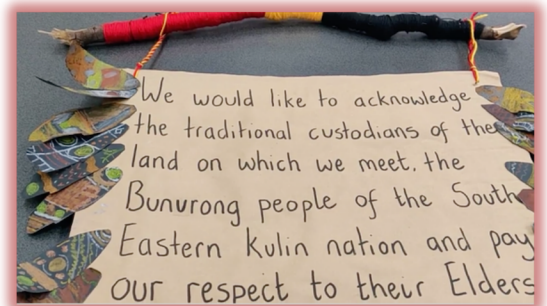
Work together to plan and create an artwork that can be used to help present your Acknowledgement of Country, showing respect for Traditional Owners and the continuing connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to Country.

You might like to:

- walk around the local area, with an adult, to explore the natural elements (acknowledging more than land e.g. trees, waterways, etc) and the stories connected to them
- include natural elements from your local area in the artwork, such as bark, leaves, seed pods etc
- explore artwork from local Indigenous artists, to use as inspiration for styles and patterns to include on your artwork.

For helpful guidance on how to write an Acknowledgement of Country with children:

- www.teachstarter.com/au/blog/how-to-write-an-acknowledgement-of-country-with-kids/
- www.reconciliation.org.au/reconciliation/acknowledgement-of-country-and-welcome-to-country/



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