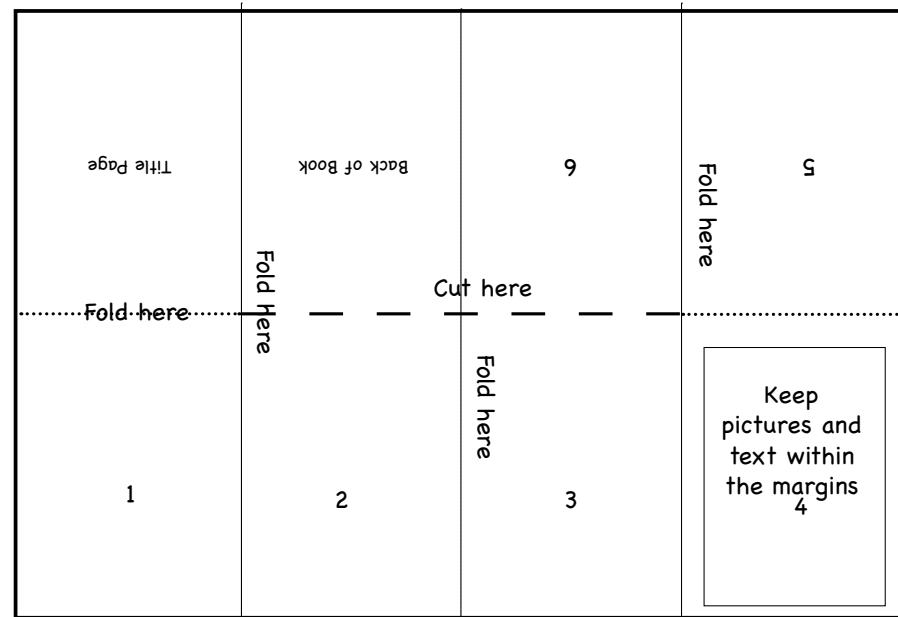


A Guide to Minibooks

Mini reference
books!

Mini story
books!



Mini Riddle
books!

Mini Joke
books!

Minibooks

Collaborative activities are planned to create opportunities for learners to talk around a topic and ask each other questions. We have been using minibooks to stimulate spoken interaction and encourage creativity for quite a while now. Below is a sample minibook that takes you through geological time.

We have also provided here some instructions for making minibooks.

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Collaborative Learning = Oracy in Curriculum Context

makes challenging curriculum accessible.
improves social relations in the classroom.
provides scaffolding for exploratory talk.

Good for all pupils!
Vital for EAL pupils!

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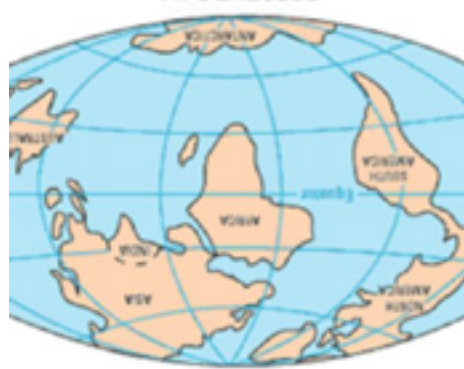


Playful is not the opposite of serious!

If you can persuade students to do something simple and playful together they will later jointly attempt something more difficult and challenging.

Earth on the Move Minibook

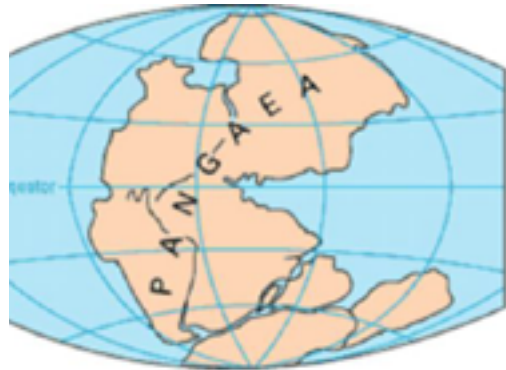
Earth in the present day



Earth is very warm.
Asteroid hits Earth and
large reptiles become
extinct.



Huge reptiles including
flying reptiles. Small
mammals evolve.



PERMIAN
225 million years ago

One large
land mass.

Animals
on land
could move
everywhere.



TRIASSIC
200 million years ago

Continents
are forming
and drifting
apart.

Dinosaurs
evolve.

Why Minibooks?

Good practice in accurate folding.

Can be used for information gap activities. Four books with different information.

Portable, easily stored and very inexpensive.

Good for mini art work.

Excellent for sharing and comparing in small groups.

Small amounts to write and to read.

Two different books can be created on one sheet of A4 paper

Larger versions can be made on A3 or tinier on A5

Easy to make versions on the computer

We have used Minibooks for..

Poems

Mini biographies
e.g. Henry VIII's
six wives or
rainforest animals

Jokes: turn the
page for the
punchlines.

Difficult words
to spell or mini
dictionaries for
a topic

Story
beginnings

Quotations

Diaries e.g.
Wombat Diaries

Summaries of
longer books or
stories.

Instructions

Glossaries: turn
the page for the
definition.

Riddles: turn
the page for the
answer.

Time lines for
historical events.
e.g. Our Viking
dates.

Clues,
Questions and
Game Chances

Questions without
answers and answers
without questions

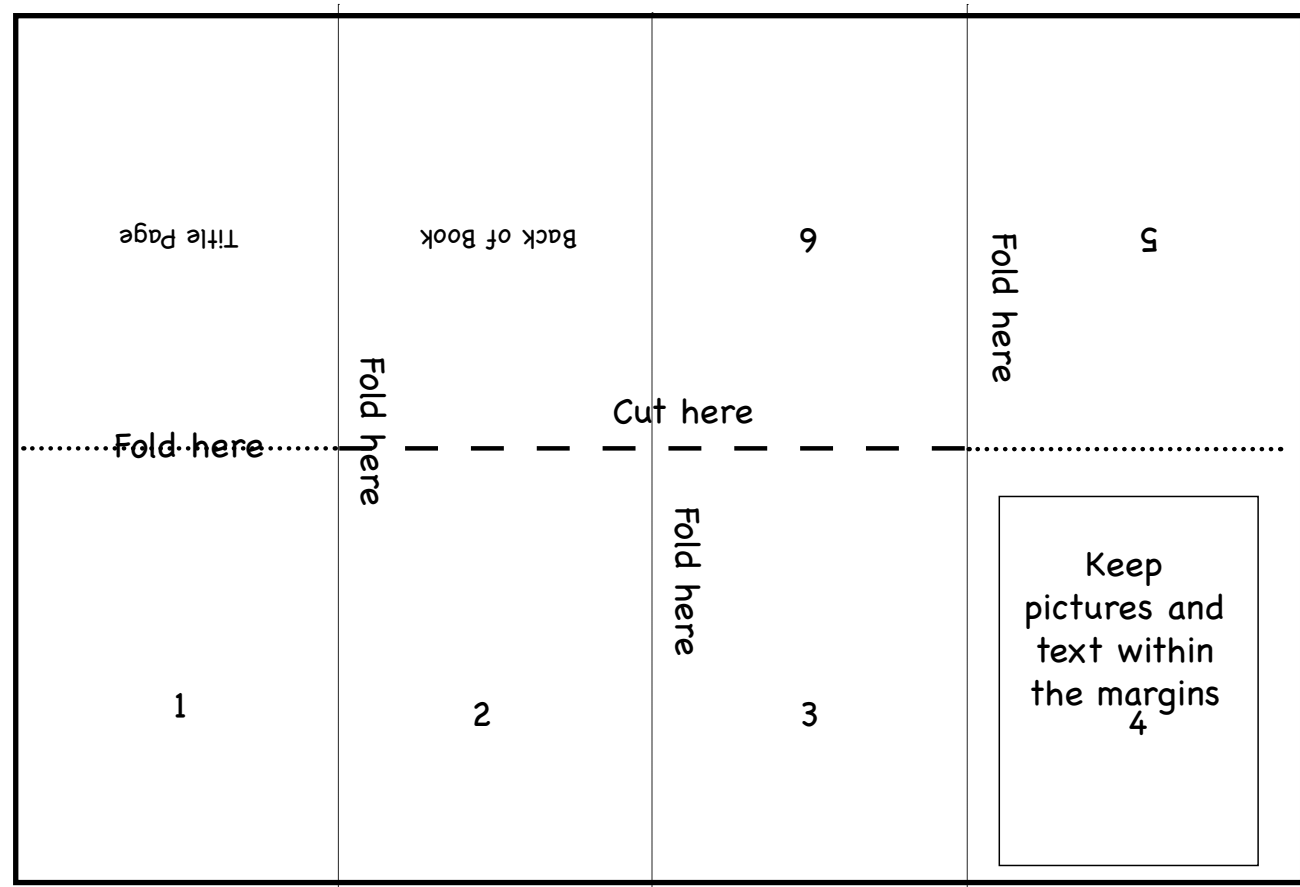
Instructions

How Little Books are Made.

You may find the template below helpful in making your own little books. Children like making their own for sharing with others; writing the text and adding illustrations.

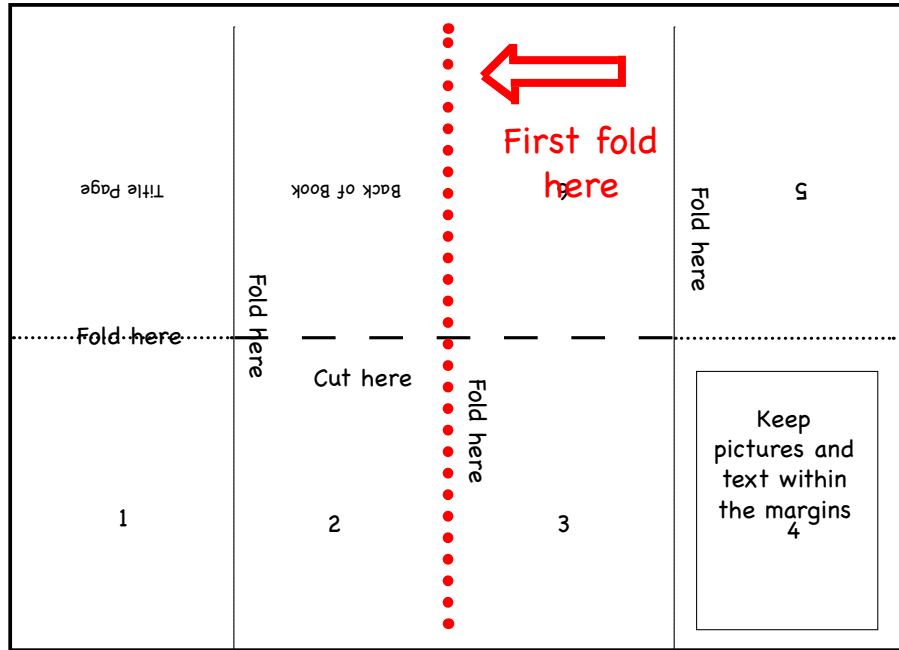
Accurate scoring,
folding and cutting
is vital.

Steps below.

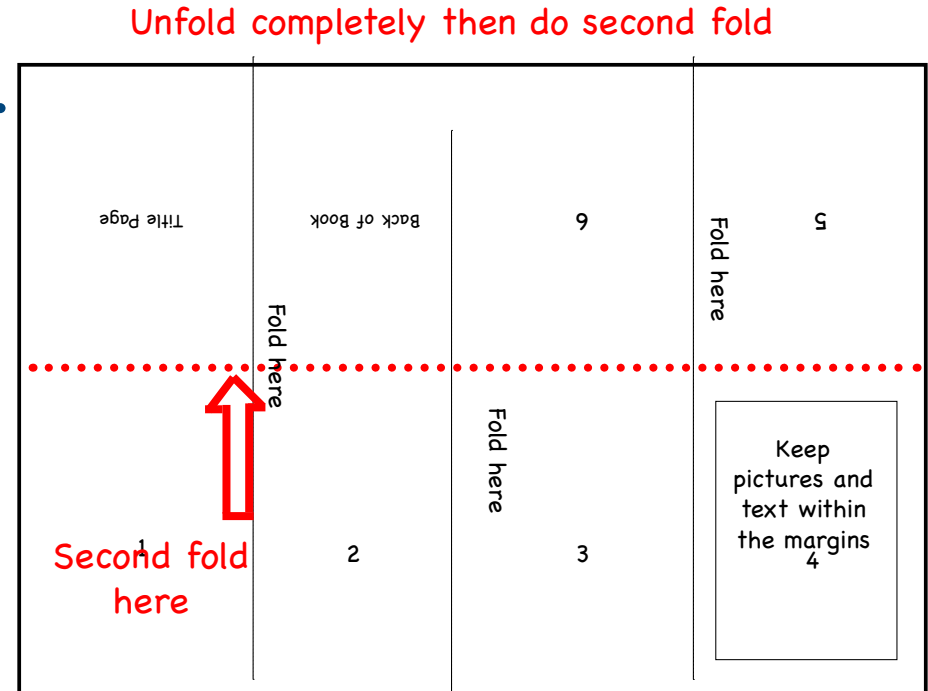


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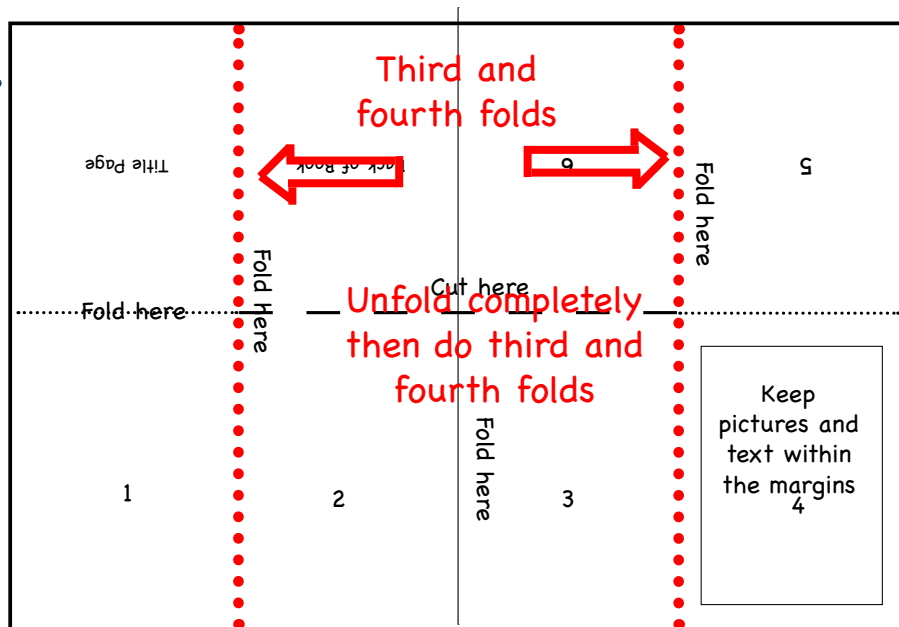
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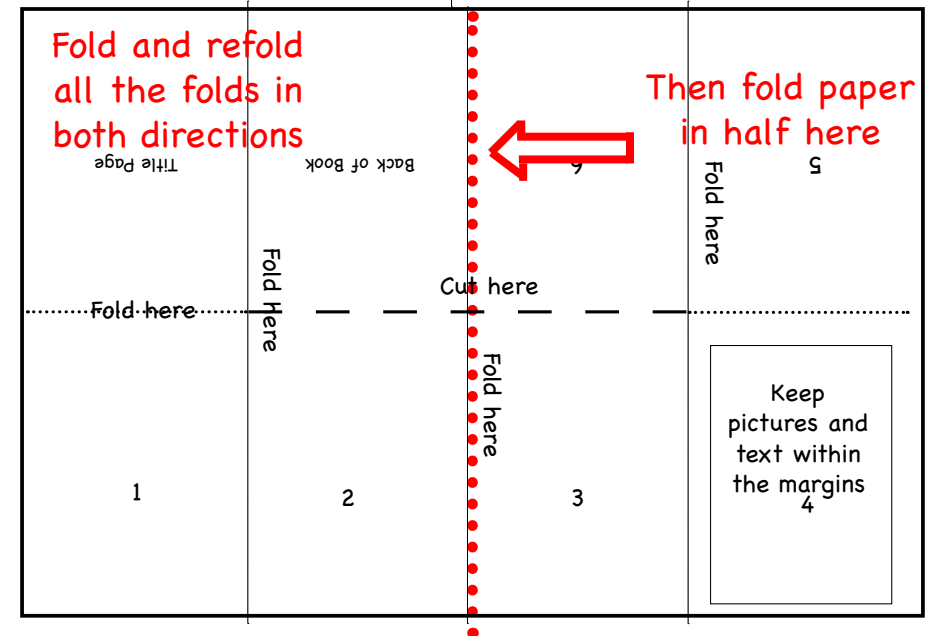
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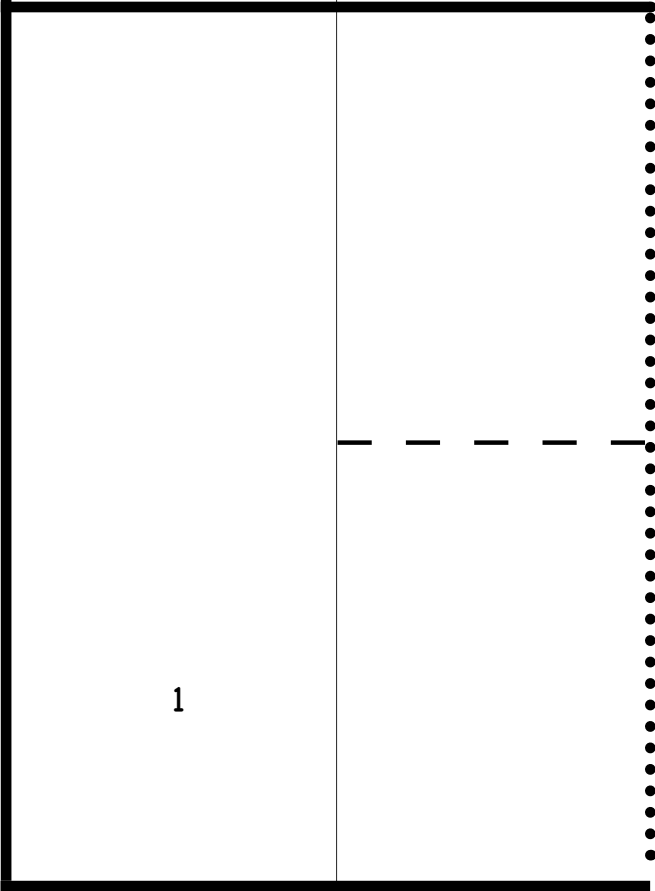


4.



Steps continued

5.



Cut into folded edge as far as next fold



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6.



Unfold completely and fold again lengthwise. Then wiggle the folds until the cut in the centre has opened up. Shape into a minibook. If you have folded accurately and thoroughly the book will form easily. Any inaccurate folding is multiplied when the book is folded.