Almost Anything

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Synopsis:

George can't roller-skate,
George can't paint,
and George most certainly can't dance!

But Bear thinks that, with a little help, George can do all these things - and more! And, luckily for George, Bear has just a little magic to help . . .
An empowering book about the power of self-belief from rising picture-book star, Sophy Henn.

Author/Illustrator Bio

Sophy Henn lives and works in Sussex, England.
She studied Fashion at Central Saint Martins, accidentally had a London-based career as an Art Director in advertising, then completed an MA at University of Brighton in Illustration. Now she writes and illustrates children's books in her studio, with a large cup of tea by her side, and can't quite believe her luck.
Where Bear?, her first book, was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize in 2015. She is also the World Book Day Illustrator for 2015 and 2016. http://www.sophyhenn.com

Curriculum Links

Health and Physical Education Year 3 and 4 ACPPS033

English - Literature ACELT1596

Themes:
Self Esteem/Resilience
Confidence
Friendship
Perseverance
Achievement

Pre Reading:
Look at the cover of the book. Read the title.
Does the cover of the book give you much clue as to what the book may be about?
What about the back of the book?
The tagline on the back of the book is 'You can do almost anything with a little bit of magic!'
Ask students to guess what kind of magic it might be.

Read the Book/Discuss:
What was the magic in the story?
Do you think it was really magic?
If you could use magic to be better at something, what would it be?
In the book George didn't think he could:

- Paint
- Dance
- Roller Skate
- Fly a Kite
- Read

Activity:
Each student can think about a challenge they have faced.

Write about it and share with the class.

- Name some things you may have thought you weren't good at when you were younger?
- Did you get better at these things? How did you get better?
- How did overcoming/facing this challenge make you feel?
- What about now. Is there something that you think you're not good at?
- Do you think it's possible to feel good after trying something and still not being good at it?
- We might not have a magic hat, but what are some of the ways we can respond to these challenges. If we try and fail (which is OK) how can we positively respond to these challenges?