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A picture book by Rose Robbins

When Abigail can't concentrate in class, she gets bored and is naughty. But just when things are about to go wrong yet again, a teacher discovers exactly what to do to engage this little girl, and Abigail ends up finding a special voice of her very own.

This is a mainstream book that celebrates Special Needs - readers and families will identify with the protagonist who displays symptoms of ADHD, but with the right encouragement, ends up triumphing.



Ideas for using this book in the classroom:

Art/Music: Make DIY musical instruments. These could include: Sound jars, rain sticks, tissue box guitars. A tutorial and worksheet for making sound jars is available on the Scallywag website.

Music lessons: Form a class band and write a song! Encourage each pupil to have their own role in the band, and contribute to a song for the class to perform. This could be based on Abigail's song, using the format as a template. Abigail's song can be heard on the Scallywag website.

Creative writing: Abigail expresses herself through her words. Using a selection of prompts (for example, "When my pets went to space" or "The worst dinner I ever had") encourage pupils to come up with their own short stories/songs/poems.

Sensory Story: This book is perfect for use in SEN classes as a sensory story. Sensory suggestions and guidance are available on the Scallywag website.