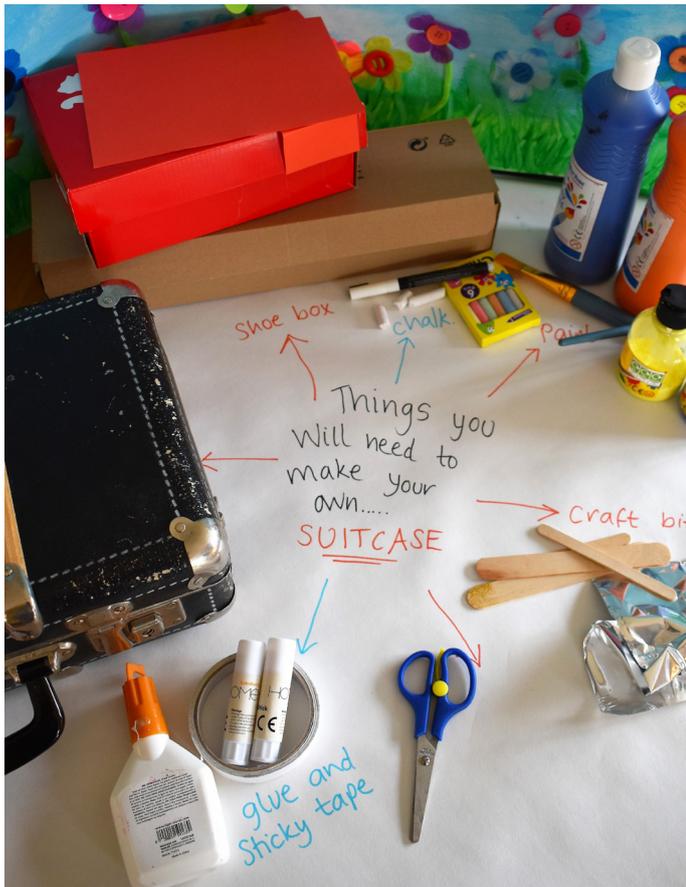


Make your own suitcase



Miniphant writes down some of the good things he wants to remember and keeps them in his suitcase. You could find an old shoebox or a toy bag that you have at home and use it just like Miniphant's suitcase. You could ask a grown-up to write special things down for you, or you could draw a picture of them, or even keep photos in there of some of the special people in your world who love you and help you.

What you need:

- Shoe box with a lid
- Scissors
- Glue/sticky tape
- Colouring pens/pencils/crayons/paint
- Craft paper and bits and pieces/stickers
- A4 piece of paper cut into 4 or more squares

How to make your suitcase:

1. Use a picture from inside one of the books to help you remember what Miniphant's suitcase looks like.

2. Paint the box brown or black like Miniphant's – or whatever colour you would like your suitcase to be.
3. Using craft paper: draw, cut and stick the metal (foil) corners, hinges and screws, along with lolly sticks (or even a coloured strip of paper) for the strips of wood going down the front and back of the suitcase.
4. Cut out a cardboard handle and stick it on.
5. Make some tin foil pretend fastenings and buttons on each side of the handle. To pretend to open and shut the suitcase, attach the fastenings to the lid flap and the button to the bottom flap of the box beside where the fastening meets.
6. Leave everything to dry.
7. Make holes at the back of the box and on the back of the lid. Tie string through the holes to act like a hinge to lift the lid up and down, if the lid is separate to the box.
8. Using white chalk/stickers/paint, add the stitching.
9. Remember, this is just a pretend suitcase – it won't be able to hold anything too heavy so think about what you are going to put into it.
10. Have a think – have you learned anything good or helpful lately that you want to remember? You can either draw a picture on one of the pieces of paper or ask your grown-up to write the words saying what you've learnt. If you can't think of anything right now, you can use Miniphant's lessons from the book to start with – having courage, becoming brave and being strong. You can also put other things that are special, valuable and important to you.
11. Then put the pieces in your special suitcase and remember to go back and look at them now and then, to remind you of the wonderful and helpful things you've learnt. (Another great one to put in there is 'I am loved.')