

AA - Bonus Eps Summer 2022

Bonus Ep1 - Compost

Connie: Hi guys, Connie here. We're back with some bonus Armchair Adventures episodes!

Music - AA Theme

Connie: Hope you've all been enjoying the lovely summer weather we've been having! I LOVE this time of year!

We've been really busy at Armchair Adventures HQ making new episodes for series 3, I can't wait to share them with you, it's gonna be awesome!

In the meantime, my lovely customers have been busy creating some bonus episodes for you all to enjoy! Let me get them on the line now...

Music - AA Instrumental

Connie: Say hello guys...

Ensemble: Hola/hello/bonjour/salut etc.

Connie: I've also enlisted the help of a very special super cool guest. Well, I think he's cool...meet my Uncle Chris everybody!

Uncle Chris: Hi Connie! Hi Adventurer!

Connie: My Uncle Chris is a drama teacher.

Uncle Chris: That's right Connie, I love going into schools and communities, getting people acting, playing and just being creative!

Connie: I want to be a scientist, helping to save the environment when I get a job.

Uncle Chris: What would you like to be adventurer?

SFX Ding

Uncle Chris: Did I do that right Connie?

Connie: Yeh, that's it!

Every time you want the adventurers at home to do something, like answer a question or join in with the acting, just press that 'ding' button and they'll join in with us,

Uncle Chris: Cool! What's your name adventurer?

SFX Ding

Uncle Chris: How old are you adventurer?

SFX Ding

Uncle Chris: Can you wave you hands in the air like you just don't care adventurer?

SFX Ding

Connie: Alright, alright, that's enough of that! Can we play a drama game to warm us up Uncle Chris?

Chris: 'Course we can...right lets play the alphabet game. I'll give you a letter of the alphabet and you've got to turn into something beginning with that letter, with using your voice to describe it.

So become something beginning with the letter...P!

You can join in too adventurer, make something out of yourself, beginning with the letter P!

SFX Ding

Child 1: I'm Peppa Pig! *oink oink*

Child 2: I'm a peach!

Child 3: I'm a pear!

Child 4: I'm a pineapple!

Linda: I'm a present!

Child 5: I'm a pea!

Child 6: I'm a poo!

Chris: Amazing! Okay so now we are going to go for a different one, we are going to go for, the letter...S.

Connie: I'm a sabre tooth tiger, rawr !

Child 7 : SSSS Snake

Child 8 : I'm a subway sandwich!

Child 9: I'm a stick!

Barry: I'm a scorpion!

Chris: These are brilliant guys!

Connie: That was so much fun. Thanks Uncle Chris!

Chris: You're welcome Connie, plenty more where that came from!

Connie: While we're creating new episodes for series 3 of Armchair Adventures, I've asked Uncle Chris and my lovely customers to do some drama workshops in schools based on some of our previous episodes.

Chris: That's right Connie, and we've had so much fun, haven't we guys...

Ensemble: Oh yes/It's been brilliant/those kids were fantastic/very creative/I couldn't keep up etc.

Connie: So where have you been guys?

Ensemble: Well last week, we went to a fabulous school called Millbrook Primary, in Tameside.

Millbrook: Hi Connie, Hi adventurer, we're year 4 from Millbrook Primary School!

Ensemble: Oh it was brilliant Connie, they treated us like celebrities!

Ensemble: We met a lovely class...

Ensemble: And their amazing teacher, Mrs. Roberts

Connie: So what did you guys do there?

Ensemble: We did a workshop based on the compost adventure from Series 2.

Connie: Ah, I love that Armchair Adventure, where we shrink to the size of a minibeast and explore Hazel's garden!

****Clip from Compost ep when customers shrink****

Ensemble: The garden won't seem too small, if we're even smaller.

Hazel: You mean we can shrink?

Connie: That's a great idea!

Hazel: Is that even possible?

Connie: Of course! This is an armchair adventure, all we need is our imaginations. Let's shrink, how small should we go?

Ensemble: The size of a cat

Ensemble: I think we can go smaller than that

Ensemble: The size of a garden gnome!

Ensemble: Smaller I reckon

Ensemble: The size of a robin

Ensemble: The size of a frog

Ensemble: The size of a beetle

Ensemble: Perfect

Ensemble: Everything's enormous when you're this size!

Ensemble: Look at my tiny little hands

Ensemble: We're small enough to fit in someone's pocket

Ensemble: Right I think we are ready for an adventure, a teeny tiny explorers adventure to hazel's garden

Ensemble: Wow look at the size of them flowers

Hazel: My honeysuckle, isn't it lovely

Ensemble: The smell is gorgeous, it's filling my lungs

Connie: Breathe in everyone, smell the sweet summer air!

Ensemble: Sniff/ahhh

Connie: That's right adventurers, you too, imagine you're surrounded by flowers taller than you are

SFX Ding

Ensemble: Look at all the colours

Ensemble: So much green

Ensemble: Its beautiful

Ensemble: We will have to push our way through the grass.

Ensemble: It's like a maze

Connie: Adventurers at home, what can you see and hear now that you are this small?

SFX Ding

Uncle Chris: That's the one! Well in the workshop at Millbrook, we all pretended to shrink too, and as we moved around, we imagined the things we could see...

C children (and ensemble) describing what they see/one sentence story game

Child 1: We all saw sunflowers

Child 2: A bird

Hazel: I ran away because I didn't want the bird to get me!

Child 3: We decided to split up.

Barry: A frog nearly trod on me

Child 4: I got chased by a cat

Child 5: I saw a dog, so I hopped on the dog

Kenny: I got chased by a maggot

Ronnie: It landed on my head!

Keith: I washed myself in the bird bath

Pauline: I flew away with a lady bird

Child 6: I fell off a bee!

Uncle Chris: Then, like in the episode, we acted out going into a slimey stinky compost bin!

Connie: This way, in here.

Carla: Are you sure about this Connie?

Walter: Do we have to?

Cyril: What is this place?

Lilly: It's dark and damp.

Chris: And it stinks.

SFX bird squawks again.

Anne: Better in here than out there with that bird after us.

Barry: Not to mention the fox.

Kenny: And I saw some pretty tough looking squirrels out there too.

Pat: Come on then, in we go.

Lynda: Budge up.

Connie: Hold your noses, adventurers. We're going in.

Elsa: Are we all in?

Walter: Yes, but where are we?

Hazel: I think... I think we're in my compost bin.

They all make a disgusted noise

Carla: Everything you touch feels slimy.

Jean: It's suffocating.

Linda: Eew, look at that mouldy banana skin.

Chris: Look over there, someone's chucked a bit of plastic in here by mistake.

Lynda: Hey, what's that?

Carla: A worm.

Lynda: It's heading right for us.

Carla: Oh no! I know that it's only a worm, but it's enormous, compared to the size of us: imagine it wrapping itself around us – it could squeeze the life out of us.

They all breathe in – as though being tightly squeezed

Jean: Don't tell me we're going to have to run for it again.

Carla: No. Wait, it isn't attacking us. I think it's friendly.
Rita: Look, it's making a shape with its body.
Ros: It almost looks like it's pointing...
Pat: I think it wants us to follow it...
Cyril: Yes, look – it's clearing a path...
Lilly: Follow that worm...
Connie: Come on all you adventurers at home, join in: we're going to squelch our way through the compost bin, following the worm...

SFX DING

Keith: I'm going to lie on my stomach and wriggle just like the worm.
Anne: It's like we're in a tunnel...
Walter: I'm crouching down as low as I can...
Ronnie: This is like squelching through thick mud...

SFX Squelching.

Chris: Past the used teabags...
Linda: And the broken egg shells...
John R: Through the grass cuttings
John O'G: Under the shredded newspaper
Hazel: Those are the flowers I was dead-heading earlier...
Ronnie: Don't slip on that old apple peel...

SFX The gang have tunnelled out of the compost bin.

Elsa: I think we've made it.
Carla: Fresh air!
Anne: I can breathe again.
Carla: Thanks worm!
Elsa: Thank-you.

Uncle Chris: There are loads of minibeasts in this armchair adventures.

Child 1: We met a queen bee

Ensemble: Ants/ Worms/ Bees / Slugs

Child 2: Everybody run there's a spider!

Ensemble: Run!!

Connie: You too adventurers, on the spot if you have to. And remember you're only the size of the beetle.

Ensemble: My tiny little legs can't take much more of this!

Ann: Keep Running!

Ensemble: I can't remember the last time I ran that fast.

Ensemble: Faster, it's catching up with us!

Connie: I think we lost it!

Uncle Chris: What other minibeasts do you know of adventurer?

SFX Ding

Uncle Chris: In the workshop with the children, we thought it would be really cool to create our own brand new minibeasts. Here's what they came up with...

Child 1: I'm a giant beetle!

Child 2: I'm a giant bee!

Child 3: It's a half snail, half centipede and it is called the bail. Its job is to sing and to tell people jokes.

Child 4: Hello my name is bail.

Child 5: Our creature was a spider half snail, with six legs, 3 on the front and 3 on the back, and 3 on each side. It took out bad air and it made fresh air, with a air freshener inside of it.

Child 6: I'm a giant snail!

Child 7: We've made a different part of the body, out of different creatures. So as a head we have a bee head, with a scorpions feet, and a spiders feet, and then we got an ant body with a scorpions tail at the back. The job is to help people to get outside.

Child 8: It has a centipedes body, but it has a small head with 3 eyes and a triangle. And it has antennas with scoopers on the end to remove compost and to guide animals out of the bin.

Child 9: So, it's called the hock-hornion, and its job is to warn out people that don't belong there with its deadly stinger.

Uncle Chris: Can you make up a brand new minibeast adventurer? What would it be called? What would it look like? What would it do?

SFX Ding

Uncle Chris: One of the main messages in the 'compost adventure' is the importance of recycling.

Connie: That's right Uncle Chris.

Uncle Chris: And although we had loads of fun acting and playing, we also talked about recycling and what we can all do to help.

Child 1: We can make a robot that cleans up all the things that shouldn't be in the compost bin, and make a robot to take all the things that should be in the compost that aren't in the compost bin.

Child 2: Use plastic bottles to turn into pencil pots.

Child 3: Make plastic clothes hangers, that you can hang in your wardrobe.

Child 4: And if we don't recycle, we will just be wasting all of materials, and only giving them one life. If we do recycle we can help save the earth and it would be better so we don't have to make more materials.

Child 5: So if we like, put it into a recycle bin, it will go to where it should go and it wont go into the sea.

Connie: Wow! These guys really know their stuff! What ideas do you have to reduce plastic waste adventurer?

SFX Ding

Uncle Chris: But it wouldn't be an Uncle Chris workshop if we didn't bring a bit of drama into it! So I asked the children and your lovely customers to create a short advert that is pro recycling...

Child 1: Have you ever heard of this thing, that can water your plants so you don't have to? It's called a water-bot and it can water plants in under 2 minutes.

- Child 2: and get rid of all the nettles, so get it now.
- Child 3: It will be sold out in 2 years.
- Child 4: And it's £60.
- Child 5: So get it now!
- Child 6: Are you sick and tired of having stuff in the wrong place? Well meet the smart eco warrior 3000.
- Child 7: It recycles all of your rubbish in under 30 seconds
- Child 8: It can vacuum plastic out of the water
- Child 9: Buy it now!
- Child 10: Do you use way too much plastic in a day? Then you need the new Heat-bot E. Because it uses all the plastic you use in a day and it turns it back into what it was, so you can carry on using it.
- Connie: That was so good! I've got an idea...why don't you create your own pro recycling advert at home adventurer, or how about a poster encouraging people to compost more? I'd love to see them, so ask a grown-up to send them to us on social media, just search for 'Armchair Adventures'.
- We also have loads of Armchair Adventures activity packs and colouring templates for you to download for free from our website. Just visit www.armchair-adventures.co.uk
- Uncle Chris: It is amazing how drama and music can really help with serious topics such as recycling and climate change.
- Connie: Where are we off to next time Uncle Chris?
- SFX beeps of a super computer**
- Uncle Chris: Well Connie, next time we're off to Arlies primary school.
- Ensemble: Yesssss/I can't wait/It's gonna be brilliant.
- Connie: Thanks Uncle Chris, thanks adventurers.
- Ensemble: Bye Connie/Bye Uncle Chris/See you ext time/Arriverderci/Aurevoir
- Connie: End.



Uncle Chris: Call.

Connie: Now.

Uncle Chris: Lovely.

Connie: Join me, Uncle Chris and my lovely customers next time adventurer when we meet more amazing young people on an Armchair Adventure together! Love you guys...