Suggested activities based on 'The Bear, the Piano, the Dog and the Fiddle'

Literacy

- Write the letter Hector might have sent to Hugo to say sorry for what he said before he left to go on tour.
- Compose the newspaper headlines after Bear's Big Band play their first concert in New York.

Music Activities

- Learn more about the different sections of the orchestra and the names of the musical instruments in each section.
- Listen to a piece of fiddle music.

Art Activity

• Design a poster advertising the Bear's Big Band concert in Dublin City.

SPHE Activities

- Have a class discussion about all the different emotions experienced by the characters during this story.
- Discuss how words said in a conversation can really hurt someone else.
- Discuss how to be a good friend.

Drama Activity

• Choose a volunteer to be Hector and get the class to ask him questions about how he felt after getting a chance to play on the big stage. Choose other characters from the story to put in the hot seat.



