

Film guide

Paddington

UK, France | 2014 | Cert. PG | 95 mins
Director: Paul King

A charming adaptation of a much loved children’s book about an accident-prone bear from deepest Peru who arrives at London’s Paddington Station with the sign “Please look after this bear” hanging around his neck. Taken in by the Brown family he must learn to adapt to city living while escaping the clutches of a wicked taxidermist who wants him for the Natural History Museum.



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Talk about it (before the film)

What do you know about Paddington Bear? Think about what he looks like. What does he wear, what is his favourite food? If you were visiting a place you had never been before what would you be excited about? What would make you nervous?

Talk about it (after the film)

- What does Paddington expect London to be like before he arrives? How does this compare to his first experiences in the city?
- What type of character is Paddington - what words would you use to describe him?
- The Paddington books are extremely popular all over the world, but their British setting is crucial to the story. What did you spot in the film that can be seen as uniquely British?
- In the film Paddington says “In London, everyone is different, but that means anyone can fit in”. What do you think this means? Could the same be applied to where you live?

Write about it

Bring your ideas together in a review and share it on our Into Film clubs’ website. You could include a summary of the story, mention other films that it’s similar to, describe what you particularly liked or disliked and give it your star rating.

Extension Activities

Think about who your favourite character is in the film. What type of person are they? What do they like and dislike? Write a sentence describing what this character is like and why you like them.