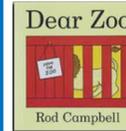


Nursery Home Learning

W/C: 1/2/2021



Story of the week
Dear Zoo

Theme - Zoo Animals

Communication & Language

Can you think of any other words to describe the animals in the story?

What animals would make good pets?

What animals would make bad pets?

Do you have a pet? Can you talk about them?

What animal would you like to have as a pet?

Literacy



Please listen to this week's story
Dear Zoo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A9Ur4+jOOPg>

Can you talk about the story asking Who? What? Where? Why? Questions.

Can you learn some of the Makaton signs from the story with Justin from the YouTube story.

Mathematics



Attached please find some work sheets to help with the children touch counting skills.

*I Spy and Counting Activity.

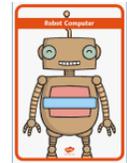
When counting objects with the children remember to place objects in an irregular arrangement too, not always in a line. Can the children still say the total?

Can you find any containers or boxes in your home? How many toys can you fit inside?

Phonics

Keep practising your sound talk and blending skills.

I spy
Metal Robot
Sound talk



Now you have the letter sound demo videos you can carry on with learning your sounds.

Rhyming game

Using the Rhyming Stripes provided can the children say what is picture is and tell you the odd one out?

Personal, Social, Emotional development

Favourite animals – Talk about your favourite animals. Would we see any of these in a zoo? Why do you like them?

Miss Burns' favourite animal is a BEE but you wouldn't find those in the zoo. My favourite animal you might find in the zoo is a Penguin. I think they are really cute and they love swimming, just like me!

Encourage children to take turns to play this zoo-themed Board Game attached.

Physical Development

Funky Fingers

Fine motor skills are key for the children in nursery. We can help the children by encouraging daily fine motor activities. Below are some ideas you may find useful.

Play dough
Threading activities (beads on pipe cleaners/ wool through holes)
Pasta necklaces
Weaving around cardboard
Pipe cleaners and colanders
Beads on spaghetti
Finger painting
Building blocks
Cutting
Stickers
Tearing paper and sticking collage



Keep practising your cutting and pencil skills too.

Understanding the World

In nursery we like to ask the children lots of questions so they can talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects. We also look closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change.

If you have zoo small world animals set up a small world zoo and play 'Zoos' with your child. Encourage your child to talk about the different animals and pattern on them. What do they eat?

You may want to try putting the animals in different groups. Do they have fur, feathers or scales? Are they big or small? Plain, stripy or spotty?

Please find attached animal pictures and patterns for you to use if you do not have animals at home.

Expressive Arts & Design

Show children the song

We're Going to The Zoo'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2FSqxFOISClk>
Can children join in and dance along to the song.

Can you draw your favourite animal? Remember how to hold your pencil. How many legs will you need to draw? What does the nose look like? What colour?

Can you use some toys to make a pet shop or zoo? How will you care for the animals?