

### Nursery – Ideas for Home Learning for Summer 2 – Week 2

This half term our topic is Astounding Animals! Each week we will be providing home learning ideas for our nursery children. If you would like to share your learning with us feel free to email photos to:

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	<b>Week 2 Zoo Animals</b>
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Zoos across the UK are reopening this week. Have you ever been to a zoo? If so, what animals did you see? Which was your favourite? Who did you go to the zoo with?
Physical Development	Can you move around like different zoo animals? Try slithering like a snake, climbing like a monkey and balancing like a tiger. What other animals can you copy? Talk about how we feel before and after exercise.
Communication and Language	Talk about what the Gruffalo looks like, describing some of the features highlighted in the story (knobbly knees, poisonous wart etc). The children can draw a picture of him, adding these features. Afterwards see if they can point out and describe the features in their own drawing.
Literacy	<p>Read 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell. If you do not have the book you can watch it here:<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rudDGRQ9QGA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rudDGRQ9QGA</a></p> <p>Encourage them to join in with the repeated phrases (eg. So they sent me a...). Afterwards, ask if they can remember which animals were in the book. Where are they? What happens at the end?</p> <p>Later, perhaps another day, you could see if they can retell the story themselves by looking at the pictures.</p> <p>Choose another animal that the zoo could have sent as a pet. Ask your child to draw it and say why it was sent back.</p>
Maths	Separate groups in different ways. Choose four toy animals if you have them, or any four toys. Arrange two places for them to stand (two plates would be fine). How many ways can we separate the 4 animals? (2+2, 3+1, 1+3, 4+0, 0+4). Are there always still four animals altogether? Does s/he recognise when the groups have the same number (2+2)?
Understanding the World	<p>Talk about the job of a zookeeper. How do they look after the animals? Would they like to be a zookeeper?</p> <p>On the internet, look up pictures of animals that we find at the zoo. Compare two of them, talking about their similarities and differences. How many legs do they have? What colour are they? Which is larger/ smaller?</p>

Expressive Arts and Design

If you have child-friendly paints at home, try using hand and finger prints to make a picture of a zoo animal. If you do not have suitable paints they can try drawing their favourite animal. Encourage them to think about the animals' features, such as stripes, horns and claws.

