



Magnificent Monday! 6/7/20

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Nursery team hope that you and your children are safe and well. Here are some ideas and suggestions for a great day with your child. Choose your favourite 3 or do more and if you can, take some photos to share.

Over the week we will be reviewing stories your child has learnt throughout the year. See what they can remember about any of the stories before reading/watching them and completing activities.

Stories of the Day!

- **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?**
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WST-B8zQleM>)
- **Dear Zoo.** (<https://youtu.be/rudDGRQ9QGA>)

Lion Mask! (suggested time 10-15 minutes max)

- Cut out a circle using a paper plate leaving the middle empty. You could also use cardboard or paper.
- Cut some small strips of paper in colours such as red, yellow and orange or get your child to colour in the paper before cutting into strips.
- Ask your child to stick the strips of paper, one at a time around the circle to make a 'lions mane'
- You could stick a piece of cardboard or stick onto the circle so your child could hold it like a mask.
- Get them to hold it up to their face and pretend to be a lion.



Wake and Shake! (Suggested time 10 minutes max)



- Let's move our bodies and pretend to be animals from the 'Brown Bear' Story.
- You could flap your arms to be a bird, hop like a frog, gallop like a horse, swim like a fish, walk on hands and legs for a bear.
- Encourage your child to make the sounds of the animals to match as they are doing the actions.
- What other animal actions could we do?
- Which animal and action is your favorite?

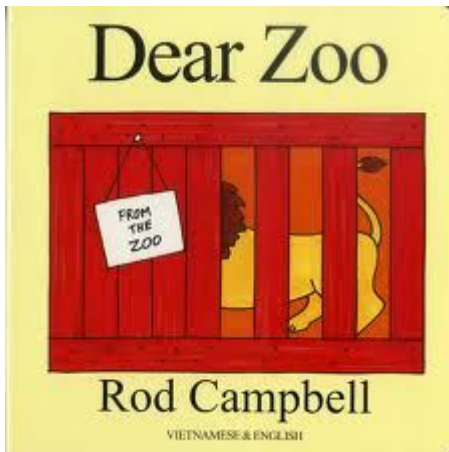


Brown Bear Colour Hunt (Suggested time 15 minutes)

- Ask your child to go on a colour hunt around the house or garden to look for objects of different colours.
- Focus on the colours used in the story: brown, red, yellow, blue, green, purple, white, black and gold/orange.
- Ask them to find objects to match the colour such as a brown stick, red apple, yellow cup etc
- Collect items and sort them into groups according to colour.
- Identify the colour and objects found.
- What colour objects did you find? What did you find that is red?



Dear Zoo (Suggested time 15 minutes)



- Read or watch the video of the story 'Dear Zoo.'
- <https://youtu.be/rudDGRQ9QGA>
- Before reading, ask your child if they remember the story and what happens.
 - What happened in the story? What were in the boxes?
 - When looking at the story, ask your child to predict what animal is hiding in the box. Talk about what it looks like, what sound it makes and it's size.
 - Could an elephant be in a small box? Which animal is in the big box?
 - Ask your child to draw a picture of their favourite animal from the story using the correct colours.

Snack/Lunch (15 minutes)

- Let's make some zoo biscuits!.
- You will need a plain square biscuit, spread such as cream cheese, butter, animal shaped small biscuits and strawberry lace sweets.
- Get your child to cover the biscuit in spread.
- Arrange the animal biscuits on top of the large biscuits.
- Cut small strips of laces long enough to go over the animals/large biscuit.
- What animals are in the zoo? Have you seen any of these animals in the zoo?
- Eat and enjoy!





Playtime!



- Provide your child with some playdough, toy animals and toothpicks/cut straws or spaghetti etc.
- Ask them to arrange the sticks in the playdough to make an enclosure for the toy animals as if they were in a zoo.
- Use a variety of different sized animals.
- Is the enclosure big or small? Do we need a big or small enclosure for an elephant? What size enclosure would we need for a monkey?
- Ask them if they could use any other resources to help make an enclosure such as blocks, sticks, string for example.

Topic Activity! (15 minutes)

- Let's make a telescope / binoculars to go on a 'Brown Bear' colour hunt!
- You will need a cardboard tube (from empty kitchen roll, foil or toilet rolls), tape, string and craft materials to decorate.
- If making a telescope, keep the tube whole, if wanting to make binoculars, cut rolls into 2 equal parts and tape together.
- Tape some string to each side of one end so your child can wear it around their neck.
- Use the telescope to explore their surroundings and encourage them to say 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, what do you see?' and making up their own response from what they see such as 'I see a red armchair/purple flower/green apple/blue shoe/orange dress looking at me!' as they are exploring.
- What items can you see? What colour are they? Where did you find them?



Storytime

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WST-B8zQleM>
- Watch and listen to the 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' story.
- Ask your child if they remember this story.
- Can they recall any animals or colours from the story?
- Read the story to them.
- Once you have read the story, ask them to try naming any objects they have seen or found that are the same colour as animals from the story.

