

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the week 2 home learning activities. Don't forget to send me pictures of the wonderful work that you are doing at home to nursery@castle.emat.uk or they can be uploaded onto the EExAT.

This week we are talking about what it is like to visit a zoo. We will be learning the names of the animals in the zoo. As a challenge, we will be thinking about the names of the adult animal and the baby animal such as bear / cub and so on. Please read books together about zoo animals if you have them.

How many can you name? Can you draw some too?

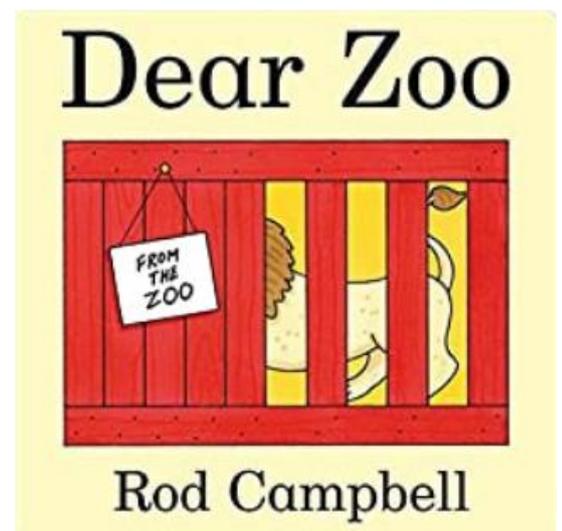
Language Fun -

Our story this week is: Dear Zoo.

Here is a link to the version of the story online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rudDGRQ9QGA&safe=true>

Can you learn the story by heart?



This is a really fun story to watch and listen to together.

The children love it.

This is a link to a version on CBeebies Bedtime Stories.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0002sxb/cbeebies-bedtime-stories-692-chris-and-xand-van-tulleken-giraffe-problems>

Keep reading stories together as often as you can!

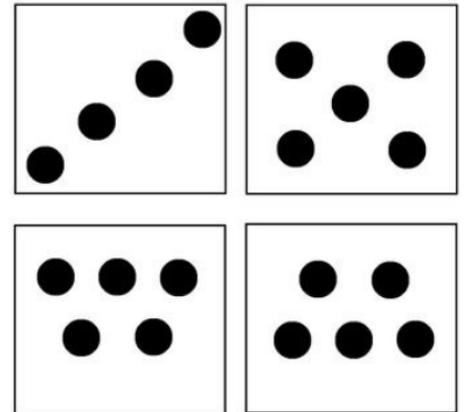
Let the children read them to baby brothers and sisters too.

They can make up their own version, if they can't read the words.

Keep practicing writing your name. If you can do this, try your surname or other family members' names.

Maths Fun

Arrange five small objects such as pasta on a tray or plate. Ask, 'What numbers can you see hidden inside five?' Rearrange the items so in different ways. Talk about how there are still 5 no matter how we arrange them. Ask your child what they can see, for example they may see 3 and 2 which add together to make 5.



This skill is called conceptual subitising - recognising the whole number by subitising and adding subgroups, e.g. "There's two and two and one, and that makes five". This is a very important part of mathematical development in the Early Years.

Creative Fun

As we have been thinking about the zoo this week, why not have a go at creating some zoo animals.

If you have making things such as playdough, egg boxes, recycled boxes and tape at home... here's some ideas:



If you have any toy animals at home, you could create your own roleplay zoo and invite your family to visit. Have a go at using your mark making skills to make tickets to sell.

Lear the song: We're Going To The Zoo.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xAqZJNrF2s&safe=true>

Physical Fun -

Continue to practice your clothes fastenings such as zips, buttons and so on. Please support your child in using child safe scissors if you have them in preparation for Reception.

Try out Joe Wicks 5 minute workout:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d3LPrl0v-w&safe=true>

Have fun!

Additional ideas can be found on these Government recommended websites:

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>