



## Suggestions for Spey class week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Morning everyone,

Hope you had a good week and enjoyed the sunshine. Continuing with our zoo theme I thought we could have a look at Pandas this week.

There is a live Panda webcam on the Edinburgh Zoo page:

<https://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams/panda-cam/>

There are also plenty of video clips of Pandas,. Here is one below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WR9qY3-feHM>

Or if you have **Kung Fu Panda** why not watch it together - you can also get clips from the film on You Tube

Thinking of you all

Janet and the Spey team

### Circle time

The pupils are used to starting the day with circle time and so this repetitive familiar task every morning may help with setting a routine. I have sent home laminated symbols and a board to stick them on. I have recorded our circle time songs/routine with all pupil names included plus an extra blank verse for anyone who may want to join us. This is saved under the Spey class heading on the webpage.

### Weekend Diaries

Pupils are encouraged or helped to pick 1 activity that they have done and enjoyed over the weekend (or previous week). The sentence can then be written or typed out for them and a picture chosen from the internet or drawn to illustrate the sentence. Depending on individual pupil ability then:

- stick the sentence and picture in the diary and read it with the child
- Cut up a second copy of the sentence and ask the child to match the words in the correct order
- Pupil to write out the sentence by hand
- Pupil to type the sentence on the computer

Or a mixture of the above. You will be able to see from the blue diary that was sent home which activity your child has been doing.

### Story time

I found some Panda stories you might like this week:

#### 1. Peter Panda Melts down

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iu3HQnrVdDk>

#### 2. I'll wait Mr Panda

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q\\_pNLDC1RI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q_pNLDC1RI)

#### 3. Goodnight Mr Panda

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KeEqSZPVw3c>

### Literacy

Suggestions for Literacy this week are:

- Any activity that links to your own child's literacy targets
- For those who are able maybe you could make a fact page for a Panda: where do they come from, what do they eat etc
- Can you make a poster for each animal by writing or overwriting the word Panda in the middle of the page and then cutting out/ drawing pictures to stick around it
- Can you take the letters of the word Panda, cut them out and then arrange them in the correct order ( or match them to the word)
- Can you watch one or both of the information clips below about Pandas and then make a quiz to see what you have remembered?

#### 1. Panda facts for kids:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VNxx8jVEm3I>

#### 2. National Geographic Giant Pandas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dqT-UIYlg1s>

- Try watching the Panda stories suggested in story time , discuss what is in the pictures or predict what comes next (according to individual ability)
- For those practising reading why not turn the sound off the stories and see how much you can read.

### Craft ideas

Here are some craft ideas for making Pandas:



Paper Plate Panda Bear C... Paper Roll Panda Craft ...

Don't forget to look at the specialist Art teacher's Art at home ideas on the Braidburn webpage.

This weeks art activity is as easy as ABC. Create words and amazing art work using everyday objects found around the house. Check out the details in the Art Specialist Section online. Happy hunting and creating!

### Music

A few Panda songs for you this week:

5 Little Pandas jumping on the bed

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4NKvonsDQVw>

Ni Hao Panda

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IKWn5oEN34>

- Don't forget to look at the music page on the website too.

### Numeracy

- Any task relating to individual numeracy targets
- Can you do a hunt around the house or garden and find things that are **black** or **white**. How many of each can you find?
- Can you play some stacking games and count how high you can get?
- There are some panda maths cartoons on the internet. Here is a link to some of them: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WjpWKOUnm0>
- Can you sing along to some of your favourite counting songs?
- Can you play at Hop Scotch?

### Lifeskills

A Panda's diet is very boring as they only ever eat bamboo. Why don't you try a food this week that you think you don't like eg a different vegetable or fruit.

## Spey PE activity (from PE staff)

Week 5

### Target games

Target games are great for turn taking and numeracy. They are also good for getting a bit of fun competition going at home.

• Use tape to mark some squares on the back of a door. (or you could draw some targets on paper then stick them to a wall). Take turns to throw balls (or rolled up socks) at the target. You could adapt the game by changing the position that you throw from (sitting, standing, lying down etc) and could add in a numeracy element by counting the number of times the target is hit. For those who find throwing difficult this could be adapted to reaching and touch the target instead. (There has been a video clip of this task added to the website).

• You could also use the same principles as above for a sliding game. Use tape to create squares or targets on the floor, roll up socks into balls and take turns to slide the socks along the floor into the targets. This will be easiest from a half kneeling position (like a lunge). For those who find throwing difficult, this could be done by walking over the targets and dropping a ball onto them.

