



Suggestions for Spey class week beginning 18th 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 Koalas this week.

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

<https://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams/koala-cam/#koalacam>

There are also plenty of video clips of cute Koalas:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1R-QFQGWYuc>

There are also some clips of the TV cartoon show Koala Brothers on you tube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=raLZ4IEsQXU>

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 Koala stories you might like this week:

1. The Koala who could

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5hv0kvbud98>

2. Koala Lou

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0t-grK7m8k0>

3. Kira the Koala

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSctIPo6cUU>

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 Koala: where do they come from, what do they eat etc
- Can you make a poster for each animal by writing or overwriting the word Koala in the middle of the page and then cutting out/ drawing pictures to stick around it
- Can you take the letters of the word Koala, 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 Koalas and then see what you have remembered?

1. All About Koalas for Kids:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PzU-DjUMzsg>

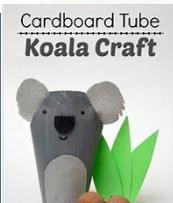
2. National Geographic Koalas (bit more advanced)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oI3ADcDH0Uc>

- Try watching the Koala stories suggested in story time , discuss what is in the pictures or see if you can find some rhyming words or join in with the refrain in Koala Lou
- Koala Lou trains for the Olympics. Can you make an obstacle course in your house or garden for you or a toys to complete
- Why not check out the ABC animal train song
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DyLbzK-5INw>

Craft ideas

Here are some craft ideas for making Koalas:



What about some free Koala colouring pages:
<https://printcolorfun.com/4393/free-cute-koala-coloring-pages/>

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

This week's art activity is about having fun with paper, making simple beads for some noisy fun, making beads for simple bracelets and folding paper to make a concertina bracelet and snake!

Music

Koala Lalala

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ALhA9WGqG0k>

The Animal Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wCfWmlnJl-A>

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

Numeracy

- Any task relating to individual numeracy targets
- Maybe this week, linking with our Koala Lou Olympics story.



- you can work on timing things or counting repetitions of actions using a stopwatch (or just counting seconds) eg:
 - How many hops can you do without falling over?
 - How many catches of a ball can you do without dropping it
 - How long can you keep a book balanced on your head?
 - How long does it take you to run/wheel to the end of the garden or living room etc?
 - How long does it take you to stack 10 bricks or stones from your garden/walk?
- Don't forget to sing along to some of your favourite counting songs?

Lifeskills

Koala Lou likes to hear her mum say that she loves her. Maybe you could make an I love you card for someone in your house or give them a big hug to show you love them.

Spey PE activity (from PE staff)

Musical statues: Choose different ways of moving when the music is on (Fast, slow motion, like a tiger, like a snake, like a robot etc). When the music stops you have to be a statue.



We have been working on rolling and pushing balls to a partner in PE

- Sitting and rolling a ball back and forth with a partner (this can be down, sitting, lying down, kneeling, along a table top etc). If you can make a channel to stop the ball rolling sideways off the table that might help (maybe using books or something similar?). This game is great for eye contact and anticipation.



You can try different kind of balls whatever you can find in your house!