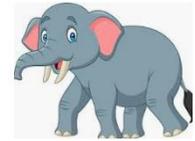




Suggestions for Spey class week beginning 4th May 2020



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 Elephants this week.

There is a live elephant webcam on the Dublin Zoo page:

<https://www.dublinozoo.ie/animals/animal-webcams/elephants/>

There are also plenty of video clips of elephants, this is one of some baby elephants:

Cute and funny baby elephants

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n61fHYOTc_4

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 4 elephant stories you might like this week:

1. Hiccups for Elephant Read Along

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZRJBf-IBzI>

2. Elmer the Elephant

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdyo4ykh2WA>

3. How to find an elephant

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-Nip_5n-AM

4. Elmer and Rose

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BxWaLeLit8w>

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 an Elephant: where do they come from, what do they eat etc
- Can you make a poster for each animal by writing or overwriting the word giraffe in the middle of the page and then cutting out/ drawing pictures to stick around it
- Can you take the letters of the word Elephant, cut them out and then arrange them in the correct order (or match them to the word)
- Can you watch the information clip below about Elephants and then make a quiz to see what you have remembered?

Elephant facts for kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=86YW3Bo9Sqc>

- Try watching the elephant stories suggested in story time and find rhyming words, discuss what is in the pictures or predict what comes next (according to individual ability)
- Why not watch the Elmer stories suggested for story time then make your own picture of Elmer or Wilbur or Rose
- For those practising reading why not turn the sound off the stories and see how much you can read.
- Do you have any elephant stories of your own eg any Elmer book or Dumbo that you could read together or why not look up some video clips or DVDs that you have at home (dumbo, Jungle book etc). Here are a couple of cartoons I found

Chugginton : Wilson and the elephant <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JuEHfaiCihS>

Babar | Babar's First Step: Ep1 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hBaS3C_VATs

Craft ideas

Here are some craft ideas for making Elephants:



- Don't forget to look at the specialist Art teacher's Art at home ideas on the Braidburn webpage. This week ideas are :
- Making a collage picture
- Making paper flowers in a pot

Music

A few Elephant songs for you this week

Elephant march from the Jungle book:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PrQQZuLru9s>

Giant elephant song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ZH5ylzWbxw>

Barney - The Elephant Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uS8ka3qMG4I>

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

Numeracy

- Any task relating to individual numeracy targets
- Some of you might be able to collect together some toys or objects from around the house and put them in order of how heavy you think they are. Can you weigh them on some scales?
- Can you play some stacking games and count how high you can get? Some of you might like the Peppa pig video clip



Peppa Pig and Emily Elephant

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJctyq3fuf4>

- What about a game of cards you could play snap or the memory matching game (turn the cards upside down and each person takes turns to find a pair) You could use number cards or picture cards.
- Can you sing along to some of your favourite counting songs?
- Can you gather together some coats and count how many you have then sort them according to who they belong to?

Lifeskills

This week why don't you focus on helping to collect up the washing, load the machine or help to hang the washing on the washing line or put in the tumble dryer. If you are able you might be able to learn what cycle the machine goes on and set it off yourself.

Spey PE activity (from PE staff)

- [Fitness by dice.](#)

Choose a handful of exercises/ movements that your child can do. Roll a dice and the number on the dice is the number of times they do the exercise.



- [Whirl and twirl](#)

Use ribbons on sticks or you can make your own by attaching long scarf to stick or pencil. Make different patterns in the air using your ribbon/scarf. Can you write letters, numbers, make shapes?

