

The Orchards Primary Academy

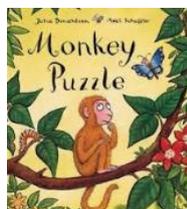
Newsletter Nursery



Dear parents/carers

29th June 2020 / Summer Term

I hope you are all continuing to be safe and well. The next story we are going to explore is 'Monkey Puzzle' by Julia Donaldson. We will also continue to explore a variety of mindfulness activities. Enjoy the activities and remember to share any of your child's work on our school Facebook page.



Literacy

1. Watch the story of 'Monkey Puzzle' on YouTube or share the book with an adult.
2. Draw/colour a picture of a monkey. A colouring in template can be found on DB Primary.
3. Use your 'Read Write Inc.' booklets to practise your letter formation. Have a go at writing the grapheme 'm' in the word 'monkey' using the 'Read Write Inc.' rhyme "Down Maisie, mountain, mountain". Check your pronunciation using the jolly phonics songs!

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=10pn2839Kro>

4. The 'Monkey Puzzle' story has repetitive phrases. Practise your communication and language skills by listening to the phrases and repeating them back to an adult. Next, try saying the phrases in different voices such as grumpy, happy or sad.

Important Information

Continue your home learning by logging on to DB Primary. I am updating this with new work every week!

**HOME
LEARNING**

Mathematics

1. The butterfly takes the monkey to see various animals. Can you count how many animals there are altogether? Remember to touch count each one to ensure accuracy.
2. Practise your size ordering using the 'Jungle Animal Size Ordering Sheet' on DB Primary.
3. Practise your counting skills using the 'Jungle Rainforest Counting Sheet' on DB Primary.
4. Practise your counting by singing '5 Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed'. Use the monkey stick puppets on DB Primary to enhance your role play.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=0j6AZhZFb7A>

Expressive arts and Design/ Understanding the world

1. Create a handprint monkey using paint and googly eyes.
2. **Question Time** – Why do you think the butterfly in the story says, 'My babies don't look like me'? Discuss your ideas with an adult.
3. Create monkey stick puppets to re-tell the story. Template can be found on DB Primary.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

1. Discuss how you think the baby monkey felt when he could not find his mum.
2. At the end of the story, the baby monkey finds his mum. How do you think this made him feel?
3. The butterfly was a good friend to the monkey because she helped him find his mum. Have you got a good friend? Discuss your thoughts with an adult and explain your reasons why.

Mindfulness Activities

1. 5 Little Monkeys Sing Along

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=sfFwo7iQsDw>

2. Cosmic Kids – Jungle Safari

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=C4CaR0syf1g>

3. Cosmic Kids – Betsy the Banana

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=40SZl84Lr7A>

4. Think of a colour that makes you happy. Go on a hunt around your house/garden and see how many other things you can find with that colour.

5. Morning Breathing Exercises: Start your day feeling calm. Sit down on the floor and cross your legs. Close your eyes and imagine your favourite place. Breathe in and out slowly 5 times.

6. 'I have feelings song'

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=eMOnyPxw8>