

Wistaston Academy Reception

Home Learning Opportunities

Spring 1

'Zog' by Julia Donaldson

Key Skills

Communication and Language

This half term we will be thinking about the themes perseverance and ambition. What is your ambition? Would you like to be a e.g. police officer, a hairdresser, an artist, a doctor or a nurse? Can you draw and write about your ambition?

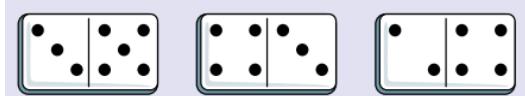


Enjoy listening to and talking about stories linked to castles, knights and dragons. Introduce new vocabulary for example; armour, drawbridge, dungeon, fortress and shield.

Key Skills

Mathematics

This half term, we are learning about the composition of 6, 7 and 8. Go on a number hunt around your home. Collect objects that represent the numbers 6, 7 and 8. This could be 6 teddies, 7 toys, a picture with 8 dots on it, 6 apples and 7 colouring pens. Can your child count 8 objects accurately? Can you play a game of dominoes or find all the dominoes with 6, 7 or 8 spots in total?



We will also be comparing Mass and Capacity and exploring the weight of objects. Could you weigh out ingredients for dinner at home? Encourage your child to use the language of light, heavy, full and empty.

Understanding the World

Research some castles you might find in our local area such as Beeston Castle and Peckforton Castle.

What can you find out about them?

Do they have any special features?



Can you design your own castle based on what you've found out?

Key Skills

Physical Development

Play a movement game based on different items and characters. For example; you could march like a soldier or a knight, gallop like a horse, wave like a royal king and queen, run around like a dragon and stand tall, with arms pointed above your head like a castle.

Encourage your child to use their small fine motor skills by mark-making with quills (large feathers), creating dragons with playdough, building a Lego castle or making a paper chain Chinese dragon.



Key Skills

Literacy

Can you challenge your child to write simple CVC words such as cat and dog? Using Fred Fingers, segment a word by pinching each finger e.g. c-a-t then write the sounds down. Remember to check the word before you write another one.

Encourage your child to practise their letter formation at home. Model to your child how to form the letters correctly.

Can you design and write about your own dragon? Will your dragon have sharp horns and fierce talons? Will your dragon have fluffy wings and cheerful eyes?



Expressive Arts and Design

Can you make a model of a castle? Maybe you could make a fort with cushions or blankets or build a castle using cardboard boxes and tubes for turrets. We'd love to see some on Tapestry.



Some of our favourite stories this term are...

- Zog
- Not a Typical Dragon
- George and the Dragon
- How to Catch a Dragon
- Billy and the Dragon

We will also read fiction and non-fiction texts about castles and dragons.

Remember our library is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3:15-3:30pm. Everyone is welcome!

If you have any queries or questions regarding how to support your child with this half term's home learning, please come and see us. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

The Reception Team.