

Week beginning 29th June 2020

Dear parents,

The children have been enjoying Julia Donaldson stories. We have read What the Ladybird Heard, Sharing a Shell, The Scarecrows Wedding and The Paper Dolls.

Do you have any Julia Donaldson books at home?

Week 14 Home Learning

'Zog' by Julia Donaldson

As last week, some of these activities have been taken from White Rose home learning (Reception Summer Week 9) Please look on their website for more exciting ideas.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/early-years/>

This story is available on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smQeslh8W3E>

The man also sings some songs before the story. Enjoy!

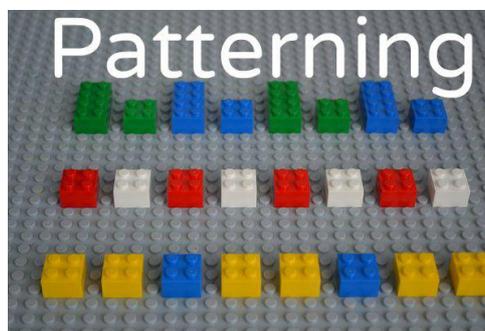
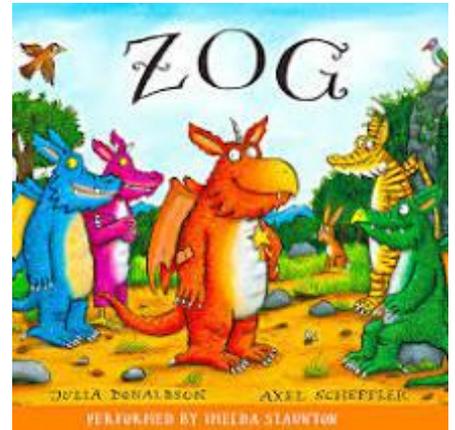
Day 1/Monday: Making repeating patterns

Read the story and talk about it. Can you answer these questions?

1. Who was Madam Dragon?
2. Who was the biggest dragon?
3. What did Zog want to win?
4. What will the dragons be when they are fully grown?

On the website there are pages filled with Zogs! Can you spot the different patterns and describe them?

Can you make your own repeating pattern? Perhaps you could use fruit, Lego pieces or sticks and stones.



Day 2/Tuesday: Being a star!

Think about how proud Zog looked and felt when he got his star.

If you got a star what would it be for?

Who has been a star in your house or your school.

Could you make a reward in another shape?

Day 2 on White Rose talks about counting the number of stars that Zog has collected and how many would he have if he collected ? more.

Doing this kind of activity practically really supports children's understanding of addition. They always seem to 'get it' when sweets are involved. E.g. I have 4 sweets. My mum gives me 4 more. How many do I have altogether?

Twinkl has lots of adding worksheets to support this skill: E.g.

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/adding-more-minibeasts-maths-worksheet-t-m->

The image shows two worksheets titled "Adding More Minibeasts".

The left worksheet is a grid with six boxes. Each box contains a set of minibeasts and a drawing instruction:

- Box 1: 1 ladybird. Instruction: "Draw 1 more ladybird." Below: "How many are there now?"
- Box 2: 2 snails. Instruction: "Draw 2 more snails." Below: "How many are there now?"
- Box 3: 3 bees. Instruction: "Draw 3 more bees." Below: "How many are there now?"
- Box 4: 1 butterfly. Instruction: "Draw 1 more butterfly." Below: "How many are there now?"
- Box 5: 3 spiders. Instruction: "Draw 3 more spiders." Below: "How many are there now?"
- Box 6: 2 caterpillars. Instruction: "Draw 2 more caterpillars." Below: "How many are there now?"

The right worksheet is a larger version of the same activity. It has four boxes with drawing instructions:

- Box 1: "Draw 1 more ladybird." Below: "How many are there now?"
- Box 2: "Draw 2 more snails." Below: "How many are there now?"
- Box 3: "Draw 3 more bees." Below: "How many are there now?"
- Box 4: "Draw 1 more butterfly." Below: "How many are there now?"

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Day 3/Wednesday: Dragon Races

The dragons have many lessons. Flying is one of them. What lessons do you have at school? What is your favourite?

Can you count how many dragons there are, which dragons have gone and how many are left?

Day 3 on White Rose talks about take away. E.g. The dragons are practising their flying. First there were 3 dragons. 2 flew away. How many now? Tell us the story.

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Can you make up your own take away problems?

Children in Reception begin to learn about take away by using practical resources. This YouTube video demonstrates what we do over the year.

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

Day 4/Thursday: School rules!

Zog studies for years at Dragon School. Learning to roar and to breath fire and to fly. What school rules do you think dragons will have? They might be a bit different to the school rules you are used to.

Can you think about the special rules we have at the moment such as washing our hands for 20 seconds, keeping 2 meters away from people not in our bubble. How do these rules make you feel?

Can you design a poster for Zogs school rules or rules to help us remind us how to keep safe with the Corona Virus?



Day 5/Friday: game time!

Flying practice Zog makes various attempts to fly and always remembers to practise just like his teacher tells him to. It's time to be dragons! Can you time your flights?

Set out your flight plan! Get timing.

Dragon Flight Plan	Flight Time take
Around the room	
Around the downstairs	
Around the upstairs	
Around the house	
Around the garden	
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My favourite activity

My favourite activity from this wonderful selection of lessons is that set on Day 4: Dragon dance.

This links in with Chinese New Year. You could look on line to find out a little more about this time of celebration.

For the festival of Chinese New Year people dress up as dragons to perform and ward off evil spirits. Design your own dragon and dance. We would love to see your masks and dances on Tapestry.

Have fun and a big WELL DONE to all of those parents and children who are still working at home.

Take care all

The Reception Team