

# My Learning Challenges

## Home Isolation Activities

### Daily Literacy Activities

#### Handa's Surprise

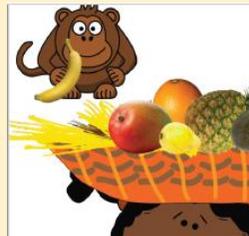
This week we are learning through the story 'Handa's Surprise'. Has anyone given you a surprise before? What happened? What did it feel like?

Listen to the story of 'Handa's Surprise here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IK\\_FwiU3BQE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IK_FwiU3BQE)

There are two surprises in this story. Can you remember what the two surprise were?  
 The story is full of questions. Look at the use of question marks. What animals are featured in the story?  
 How many animals are there altogether?

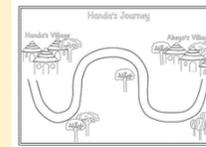
#### Animal and Fruit Match-Up

Re-read the story 'Handa's Surprise' Can they remember which animal took each piece of fruit in the story?  
 Draw a picture of each of the animals with the piece of fruit they took then see if you can put your animals in sequence to match the story. Re-read the story to see how many you got in the correct order.



#### Change the Story

Make up your own version of the story 'Handa's Surprise'. Pick some different fruits and animals to tell the story e.g. the dog took the apple.  
 Draw a story map of your new version of the story and retell it to your family.



Extra challenge  
 Make your own zig-zag book: [https://images.scholastic.co.uk/assets/a/44/f4/109155\\_100smarty1\\_sip-45-26007.pdf](https://images.scholastic.co.uk/assets/a/44/f4/109155_100smarty1_sip-45-26007.pdf)  
 Write a sentence for each page. Think of some describing words for the fruit and vegetables they took and wrote the sentence 'will she like the (e.g) yellow bumpy lemon?'

#### Safari Animal Research

Choose four safari animals from the list below and ask an adult to help you use a book or the internet to find out an interesting fact about each of the animals.

- Elephant
- Lion
- Giraffe
- Leopard
- Hippopotamus
- Rhinoceros
- Zebra
- Cheetah

Tell us the fun facts you have learned and upload them to the Evidence Me Parent Share app.

#### Play the Dressing Up Game

Resources: The sentences below written/typed on strips of paper and matching items of clothing:

- Put on a hat
- Put on a top
- Put on a bag
- Put on a cap
- Put on a sock

How to play: turn over a sentence, read it and put on the matching item of clothing.

**Extra challenge**  
 Ask an adult to take photographs of you wearing the dressing up items. Write a sentence to match each picture 'I put on the...'

### Daily Maths Activities



This week we are introducing 'zero' and making comparisons of numbers to 5.

Complete this week's White Rose Maths activities here: <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/early-years/alive-in-5-week-1/>

There is a short clip and an activity to complete each day. Ask an adult to share your learning via the Evidence Me Parent Share app so that your teacher can see what you have been doing.

Extra Handa's Surprise Maths Challenge: Can you get a collection of fruit (or other foods) and weigh them? Which is the heaviest/lightest? Do any weigh the same? Can you order the fruit from lightest to heaviest?

## Physical Activities

### Cutting Fruit

Could you have a go at cutting up some fruit to make a fruit salad? Make sure an adult is with you to keep you safe. Don't forget to wash your hands carefully.

Instead of a fruit salad have a go at making some fruit kebabs, could you make a repeating pattern with the fruit pieces you have cut up?

### Dance sessions to Handa's Hen

Listen to the session below and follow the instructions to create a fun dance to accompany the story of Handa's Hen.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0440j2p>

### Basket Weaving Pattern

In the story 'Handa's Surprise' Handa carries her fruit in a basket. Baskets are made from woven materials watch this video to see how to do some paper weaving at home: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6W---m5j9I> All you need is some coloured paper (or some white paper that you have decorated yourself) and some scissors.



### Cut and Stick

Draw the fruit from the story of 'Handa's Surprise'. Using scissors, have a go at cutting your fruit drawings out and sticking them to the basket you created yesterday. Ask an adult to help you stay safe using scissors.

### Obstacle Course

Make your own obstacle course. Set up an obstacle course in your home or garden. You could use sheets, boxes, chairs, cushions etc. Time yourself to see how fast you can go. Can you beat your family members?

Can you make your course Handa's Surprise themed? Draw each piece of fruit from the story, cut them out and ask an adult to hide them around the course. Take a small basket or bag with you as you travel along your course and collect your fruit pictures as you go - Were you able to collect all of the pieces fruit along the way?

## Understanding of the World and Creative Activities

Remember to take photos of your wonderful creations and send them in to us through the Evidence Me Parent Share app. We can't wait to see them!

### Kenya and African Animals

The story 'Handa's Surprise' is set in south-west Kenya. Can you find this on a map or use Google Maps to locate it? Can you find out more about Kenya, what is similar or different to where we live?

Find out about the animals that appear in the story. Where do they live? What do they like to eat?

Do the fruits in the story grow in our country? Why? What fruits do we grow in our country?

### African Painted House

Resources: cardboard tube, paint or colouring pens, paper, scissors and glue/sticky tape.

Use the cardboard tube to create an African house. Ask an adult to help you cut the tube to make a door, then draw or paint the tube with exciting patterns and colours. Use some paper to make a roof for your house.



### Fruit printing

Ask an adult to help you cut some fruit in half and have fun painting the fruit and printing it on to paper. Can you challenge yourself to create an African pattern?



### Make a Maasai Inspired Necklace

Create your own necklace inspired by those worn by the Maasai Tribe who live in Kenya and northern Tanzania.

Search for 'Maasi Necklaces' online or look at examples on the bottom of this home challenge sheet. You could use a paper plate or paper/card to create your necklace.



### Safari Animal Singing

Tune: If you're happy and you know it  
If you're a monkey and you know it  
jump up and down!...

Continue the song with:  
If you're an elephant and you know it,  
stomp your feet!  
If you're a giraffe and you know it,  
stretch up high!

Can you think of other animals with sounds or actions that you could add to the song?

## Story Time Activities

### African Stories

Enjoys these stories set in Africa:

Listen to the story 'Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain' written by Verna Aardema: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1Ai\\_AtILpM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1Ai_AtILpM)

Listen to this South African Counting Story 'One Child, One Seed' written by Kathryn Cave:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OXPMkpY0sx0>

Listen to 'We all Went on Safari' a counting journey through Tanzania written by Laurie Krebs and Julia Cairns:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hgW3UMaYjc>

Which story was your favourite?

### Book Detective

Listen to the Tricky Word song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e2dx65u59aw>

Can you look in a book and find any of these words? Which words did you spot the most times?

I  
the  
no  
go  
to

Look in other books that you have at home and compare the number of tricky words that you find.

