

Literacy

Our story of the week is Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell. Please watch and enjoy this wonderful story on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rudDGRQ9QGA>

Our sound of the week is 'v'. Play 'Visiting Vet' on Education City. Write the letter v in your home learning book. Say 'slope down, slope back up' as you write to help you with your letter formation. Can you spy anything beginning with the 'v' sound in your house or on a walk?

Take Home Task 11

Communication and language

Listen to the Dear Zoo story every day so that children are familiar with the story language and can have a go at telling you the story.

Children could also invent their own Dear Zoo stories. Talk to your child to help them develop their ideas. What animal did the zoo send? What was wrong with it? (E.g. 'They sent me a zebra. He was too stripy. They sent me a bear. He was too growly.' Which animal would be perfect?

Use the papers below to record your stories. Fold them in half to make a book. Children can draw the pictures. Adults can write the words in the spaces.

Personal, social and emotional development

Play the sleeping lions game at home. One person can be the 'zoo keeper' watching their animals. Everybody has to lie down and be a sleeping lion. Sleeping lions must be very still! If the zoo keeper sees a 'lion' move that person is out of the game but they can prowl around like a lion. The last lion sleeping is the winner. Take turns being the zoo keeper or a lion. Think about how it's still fun to play even when you don't win a game.

Physical development

While it is not possible to have Sports Day in school this year, we are excited to begin our Nursery Virtual Games. Each week children will be practising one skill. This week it is bouncing and catching. If possible use a ball similar to the picture below. Children just need to bounce the ball on the ground and catch it. At the end of the week use a timer and count how many times your child can bounce and catch a ball in one minute.



Understanding of the world

If you have a pet, it's very important to take good care of it. Watch the video below to learn about looking after puppies.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YzpMUHpsrl>

You could make a poster about looking after a puppy. Draw a puppy and remember one fact for your adult to write. E.g. 'Give your puppy water'. Watch one more video about puppies.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xnuDL41a9RI>

Expressive arts and design

If you have paints at home, paint your favourite animal from the Dear Zoo story.

Visit youtube to hear our very own Dear Zoo song.

[Insert Link](#)

The song words below will help you to sing along. If you have invented your own story, you can add your own verses. We hope you and your families enjoy your singing!

Maths development

As we are reading Dear Zoo, we can think about all the patterns we see in nature and on wild animals. Which animals have a pattern in the story? How many stripy animals can you think of? Look at the stripy snake below then have a go at creating your own repeating pattern using two or three different colours. The snake has a lot of stripes. You don't need to colour them all in one day!

Play Five Little Frogs on Education City.

Notice to parents

Please be aware that the activities set are optional, open ended tasks for you to use when and if you wish. There is no expectation that all the tasks are completed. We invite families to pick and choose learning activities that work for them; to take a break/holiday from home learning if you wish or to keep on with the routine depending on individual circumstances.

Song words

If you're big and you know it, be an elephant,
If you're big and you know it, be an elephant,
If you're big and you know it and you really
want to show it,
If you're big and you know it, be an elephant.
If you're tall and you know it, be a giraffe
If you're fierce and you know it, be a lion
If you're grumpy and you know it, be a camel
If you're scary and you know it, be a snake
If you're naughty and you know it, be a monkey
If you're jumpy and you know it, be a frog
If you're perfect and you know it, be a puppy.

Repeating patterns



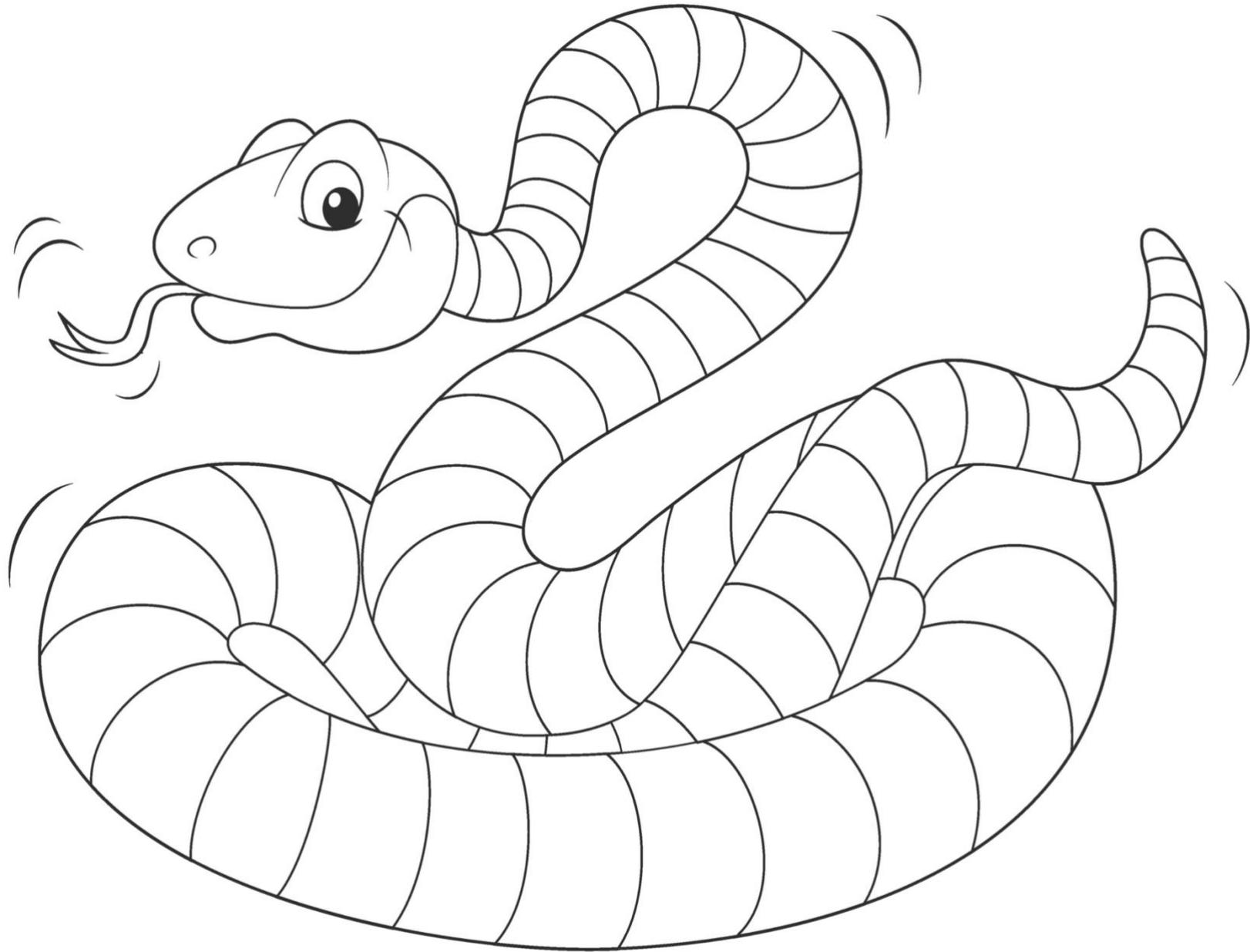
Say the colours to help you learn your patterns.
E.g. "Green, yellow, green, yellow, green,
yellow."

Bouncing and catching

Vinyl play ball.
23 cm diameter



Repeating pattern



Dear Zoo

By

I wrote to the zoo to
send me a pet.
They sent me ...

He was perfect!
I kept him.

So they thought
very hard, and
sent me ...

He was too _____!
I sent him back.

So they sent me ...

He was too _____!
I sent him back.