

Hello Nursery,

We hope you are all doing well at home and looking after each other in your family.

If we were at school, we would be reading the story 'Dear Zoo', so we have put on some ideas and activities about the book you can do with your grown ups. You can watch the story being read by following the link if you don't have the book.

There is some colouring to do, a dot-to-dot, a matching game and a lion mask to make. If you don't have a printer at home, don't worry, there are lots of other things you can do. We would like you to **draw your favourite zoo animal** from the story. Can you paint it or colour it? Then, play a game with your family- **hide under a blanket and make an animal sound**. Can your family guess which animal you are? Let everyone in your family have a go. If you have an empty cereal box, ask someone to help you **make a 'cage'** by cutting some bars and a door. Do you have a toy animal that could live inside? That would be really good cutting practice for you. Draw a picture of all the food the zoo would need to buy to feed the different animals. Can you make your own Dear Zoo book by drawing an animal and sticking a small flap over the top using glue or sellotape? There is also a link to follow to take a virtual tour around a real life zoo. Find an animal you would like have as a pet. Would it be a good idea?

At school, we would listen to the story everyday for a week, so do that if you can and soon you will notice that you learn it and can join in!

Try also playing this **memory game**: Put some little objects on a tray or table and say their names. Cover over the objects and get your grown up to take away one of the objects in secret. Take off the cloth- can you remember which object is missing? Play this with 3 or 4 objects on the tray at first and then the more you play, the more objects you can have on the tray and you will see your memory getting better and better!

We would be doing lots of talking, playdough, water and sand play and drawing and colouring, so if you can do any of that at home that would be great learning. Remember to listen to lots of stories too!

Hopefully, we will see you all very soon.

Keep safe,

From Bev, Simone, Karen, Dulara and Saihela