

## Fl home learning -Zoo animals- Lions

### Communication, language and literacy

Type 'Espresso' into Google and log on with username - student31284 and password- hopton. Then search 'Lions'. Watch the video about the lions new enclosure at Chester Zoo. Talk about what other animals belong to the 'cat' family, what they look like and why they are like that.

Use picture cards turned upside down, for this rhyming game. Just like any memory game, take turns turning over two cards. Say the words aloud, then help the children determine if those words rhyme. Can they think of other words that rhyme with the two pictures. For example a rhyming pair - cat and hat. What else rhymes with these words?

### Numeracy

Practise counting out loud as far as you can.

Randomly give your child a number up to 10 or higher if able and ask the, to count out objects to match it.

Practice copying over numbers 0-10 (from given pack) and then independently on paper/wipe board. Instruct your child to hide a lion (or any small world animal) in different places around the house/garden; using positional language for example tell them to place it under the table, next to the fridge, on top of the chair etc.

Bake some traditional biscuits with your child. You could ask them to help measure, weigh and count the different ingredients (recipe included on the right-no need to print).

Using any building toys (Lego, Duplo) ask your child to build the tallest/shortest, longest, biggest/smallest house for a lion to live.

If you have chalk, draw different sized lions outside.

### Going outdoors

#### *Catch the Lion's Tail*

For a twist on the typical duck, duck, goose game, try a game of catch the lion's tail. Make a homemade lion's tail using yellow felt and tie a knot on the bottom of the tail. Give the tail to one player and have him tuck it into the back of his pants at his waistband. Have all the other players sit in a circle. The lion must walk around tapping the other players' heads saying, "lion," each time. If he says, "Hyena," that player must chase the lion around the circle trying to get his tail before he can sit in the hyena's spot. If they hyena grabs his tail, that player is the lion again. If the lion makes it to the hyena's spot, then he gives that player the lion tail and his is the new lion.

#### *Lion Hunt*

Hide several toy lions around the garden/house. Tell the children they are going on a lion hunt to see how many lions they can find. They can collect the lions in a bag. Can they count how many lions they have found?

#### *Sleeping Lions (one for the Mums and Dads)*

Everybody lay down on the floor and see who can stay still and pretend to sleep the longest?

Twinkl - Investigation Rainbow Treasure Hunt. Can you collect as many natural items to match the colours of the rainbow. Can you make a rainbow out of them?

## Reading

All read aloud on 'You Tube'. Introduce the story to the children and ask them what they think the story might be about. Ask them where the blurb is and what it tells them. Then read the blurb to the children and see if they have changed their minds.

'How to be a Lion' - At the beginning of the story ask the children what they think a lion is like? How should/do they behave? Then at the end ask them how Leonard behaved, is that ok? Explain that it is ok to be who you are. We are all different.

'A quiet day in the jungle' - Ask the children how many of each animal there is and can they show you that amount in their fingers.

'The Lion inside' - Talk about how brave the mouse was and friendship. Anyone can be friends.

'The Lion who wanted to love' - Talk about how brave the lion is and how kind he is to others. At the end of the story recap the story from beginning to end and discuss being brave and kind.

'How to hide a Lion' - Try and predict what you think might happen and whether you think that this could really happen. Why not? Would a lion really just walk into town?

## Pencil control

Practicing pencil skills by drawing and then colouring in a lion- Is it a fierce or kind lion? Can you give it a name?

Can you practise writing L's for Lion on some paper? Can you make the letter sit on the line?

Pencil control worksheets - Twinkl

Continue to practise writing your name and trying to use the correct letter formation.

## Songs

On 'You Tube'

'We're Going On a Lion Hunt'

'The Lion'

On <https://www.earlylearninghq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/Jungle-song2-prev.jpg> 'Jungle Song'.

## Art and design

Make a paper plate lion - paint/colour the inner circle yellow and the rim orange. When it is dry, snip the rim to make the lions mane. Draw/stick eyes, nose, mouth and whiskers for the lions face.

Could even use pasta twirls or spaghetti and stick it on for the lions mane.

Turn yourself into a lion - use a photo of your face and stick it onto a piece of paper, use strips of orange paper to stick round your face and then curl the ends to create a mane. Draw a lions nose and whiskers in your face.

Use potatoes to create your own lion paw prints. Encourage the children to create their own patterns using the paws such as using different colours or different sizes.

## Physical development

Can you move around the room like a lion. Creep slowly like a lion hunting for food. Walk tall and proud like the king of the jungle showing off. Be fierce and angry. Be scared of a mouse like 'Mr Lion'. Run as fast as you can like you are catching an animal for dinner.

Make a lion using playdough.

### Understanding of the world

Can you get a collection of objects/animals from around your house and sort them into two groups - hard and soft. Are there any other ways you could sort them? Big, small, plastic and not plastic etc.

Twinkl - Ice Lollies Recipe ideas. What happens to water or juice when you put it in the freezer? What happens when you take them out and they warm up?

### Personal, social and emotional development

Twinkl - Things I like. Draw a picture of some of your favourite things - these could be objects or things you enjoy doing. Talk to a grown-up about your picture and plan some lovely things to do in the future.

Twinkl - All about me emoji emotion snap game. Play this fun game with your family. Talk about some of the emotions on the cards and what might make you feel that way.

### Baking

Make crispy lion buns using cornflakes and shredded wheat. Show the children hard chocolate and let them touch it and talk about the texture of it. Then ask them how can we melt it? When it has been melted show the children that it has changed from a solid (hard) to a liquid (flows like water).

TTS have provided a home school book full of lots of 'Exciting Learning Opportunities'. Have a look!

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