

St. Berteline's CEPS

Home Learning

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Year group: Reception

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I hope that you enjoyed The Slightly Annoying Elephant last week. It has been lovely to see lots of pictures of your activities being sent through. Have a look at your class page to see what your friends have been getting up to.

This week, your home learning has been set by Mrs Davidson. I thought that we would continue with the theme of animals and this week the story is one of my favourites.



Giraffes Can't Dance **By Giles Andreae**



Literacy



1. This story is a rhyming story, did you spot the rhymes? Listen to it again can you shout out RHYME! When you hear a rhyming pair? You could make a list of the rhyming words that you heard.
2. The start of the book describes Gerald "Gerald was a tall giraffe, whose neck was long and slim. But his knees were awfully crooked and his legs were rather thin". Have a look at Gerald. How would you describe him? Draw a picture of Gerald and then write words to describe him around him. Could you put these words into a sentence?
3. Make a poster to advertise the Jungle Dance. Make sure you tell the animals when and where it is happening.
4. Make a list of items that maybe needed at the Jungle Dance. What will the animals eat? Drink?
5. Gerald was different to the other animals, he found it tricky to dance like them. What does the word different mean? Can you put the word different into a sentence? Think about what makes you different. Can you finish these sentences?

I am different because my favourite things are...
I am different because my least favourite things are...
I am different because my talents are...
My favourite way to dance is...

You could make an all about me poster or book to showcase your favourite things.

6. When talking about the animals dancing the author Giles uses alliteration. Do you remember when we talked about alliteration in our superhero topic? It's when words begin with the same sound e.g. warthogs waltzing, rhinos rock and rolled, chimps did a cha cha. Can you think of a sentence about an animal an animal doing something unusual, e.g. 'koalas doing karate, hopping hedgehogs. Or maybe think of a sentence about yourself e.g. Katie kicked a KitKat in the kitchen!
7. Write a description about one of the animals in the book without mentioning its name. Can you read it to someone, can they guess your animal?

I am yellow,
My babies are called cubs,
I have 4 legs and a tail,
I have a mane.
What am I?



Here's a challenge for you...

Gerald has 10 spots.

Some spots are circles.

Some spots are triangles.

How many spots are triangles?

How many spots are circles?

Are there any other ways that you can do it?

Draw pictures to show how you have done it.

1. Gerald has patterns on his body, these patterns are made from shapes. Here's a link to some lessons on shape and pattern from the Oak National Academy.

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/sorting-2d-shapes>

2. Create addition and subtraction problems using different animals. E.g. if 5 animal are at the dance and 2 join, how many are there altogether?

★ Problems to 10

★ ★ Problems to 15

★ ★ ★ Problems to 20

3. Draw a picture of some animals at the Jungle Dance. How many feet are there? How many eyes? Ears? Spots? Stripes?

4. Find out how tall each of the animals are. Can you measure out how tall that would be if they were lying down? Draw a line with chalk or use your teddies in a line to show how tall they are. Take a picture of yourself next to the line to show how tall they are compared to you.

Things to find out



Find out some facts about giraffes to share with someone else.

The author Giles wrote the book after a trip to Kenya. Have a look at Kenya on the map which continent is it in? Can you find out any information about Kenya? How is it different to where we live, how is it the same?

Watch videos of the different dances mentioned in the story, waltz, cha cha, Scottish reel. Can you have a go at copying the dances?

Which other books has Giles Andreae written? Have you read any of them? Listen to them online. Which is your favourite?

Getting creative

Decorate some bananas with chocolate chips or icing to look like a giraffe. Take a picture. We would love to see them.

Have a jungle dance! Explore different ways of moving and dancing to music.

Make a giraffe out of playdough, junk or Lego. Make sure that it has long legs and a long neck.

Try something new, like Gerald. It could be making a meal at home, dancing in a new way, learning a new skill. How does it make you feel? How do you feel once you have finished?

Use photos of real giraffes as a starting point for drawing your own illustrations?

Make some decorations that the animals could put on display at the Jungle Dance.

Draw your own pictures of animals doing different types of dances.

Giraffe looks at the moon and says how beautiful he thinks it is. Can you draw your own beautiful night scenes?

Science is fun

Create your own musical instrument. It can be an instrument you have seen before or one that you invent yourself. You can use anything that you can find at home to make it. Then play your instrument at your jungle dance and encourage other people in your house to have a dance. Send us a picture of your instrument we would love to see them!

RE and Worship

Take a look at this week's assembly about kindness. Do you think that the animals were kind to Gerald? Have you been kind at home? Could you do an act of kindness for someone?

<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/faith-home/faith-home-videos/collective-worship-primary-schools-episode-6-resilience>

