

First Level Literacy Activities

8.3.21

Spelling

Keep up your spelling practise—spend 15-20 minutes each day working out your words.

Once a week, get someone to do a spelling quiz with you. Get them all correct? Find the next list on the blog.

Talking and Listening

Look at the photo of the man buying a drink on the Picture News at home page and discuss the big question, and follow up discussion points.



Daily Reading

Spend some time each day reading, either to yourself or with a family member.

Predict and Check

Read the newspaper articles below, and predict the meaning of the following words. Use context clues, words round about, pictures, your prior knowledge.

Then look them up in a dictionary and check the definition.

Can you use the words in sentences of your own?

- resilient
- densely
- allocated
- rely
- resolved
- courage
- generous
- remainder

Summariser

Can you write a **short, concise** summary of the articles in the Picture News paper this week? Think about the 5w's and h: who, what, why, when, where, how.

Plus/Minus/Interesting

The main story this week is about Coca-cola's attempts to remove plastic from their packaging. Some shops provide a service where you can take your own refillable packaging to get your food items. What do you think about this? Would you prefer to buy food this way? What are the pros and cons? Use the plus, minus, interesting grid on page to help you organise your thoughts.

Writing

Newspaper article—Home News

A few weeks ago we looked at the features of newspapers—headlines, quotes, pictures, clear facts. Can you spot these in the articles in the Picture News paper?

Have a go at writing your own article about something that has happened at home this week. It might be something really interesting or funny—have you got a new pet/toy/been for a different walk/met up with a friend? Or it could be about something mundane and ordinary, and your challenge is to make it sound exciting.

Write as if you are a journalist, interviewing your family about it—you can include quotes from mums, dads and siblings.

Writing

Instructional Texts Week 3—how to cross the road safely

We've been out and about for lots of walks, so can you explain to someone how to cross the road safely? What do you need? What do you do first? Be clear with your instructions.

Success Criteria: have you remembered...

- A list of what you will need (kit/ingredients etc.)
- Simple, precise language that is easy to follow
- Chronological order
- Time Connectives (words like First, Then, Next)



Picture News

at Home

1st March 2021

What's going on this week?



1st-7th March
Should we choose products
based on their packaging?

The Coca-Cola company is testing a new paper bottle as part of a long-term strategy to remove plastic from its packaging. The sample bottle is made by a Danish company from an extra-strong paper shell that still contains a thin plastic liner. The overall ambition is to create a 100% recyclable, plastic-free bottle capable of preventing gas escaping from carbonated drinks.

Things to talk about at home...

- 🍷 Can you make a list of different objects/food that have packaging? What was the packaging made of? What did you do with the packaging?
- 🍷 Can you think of different reasons why we have packaging?
- 🍷 Would the type of packaging a product is in impact on your decision to buy the product? Why?



What is the new design for the Coca-Cola bottle?

The new paper-based bottle design is part of Coca-Cola's long-term goal to remove plastic from all of its packaging. The prototype (pictured above) uses an extra-strong paper shell that still contains a thin plastic liner. The barrier must ensure no fibres flake off into the liquid and that the drinks hold their fizziness.

What are other environmentally friendly packaging ideas?

Cardboard Balls



Unplug Design from South Korea came up with the idea of making packaging multipurpose. Once the cardboard has been used for packaging, it comes with simple instructions to make it into a ball for children to play with!

Leaf Plates



Leaf Republic have produced a range of products, including plates, made entirely from leaves! The three-layer natural bowls are made from leaves, waterproof leaf paper and more leaves! They contain no additives, colouring or glue and biodegrade naturally in 28 days.



Forests the size of your playground!



Pictured: An urban forest in Downtown Taipai, Taiwan
Source: Person-with-No Name

Hundreds of tiny forests the size of a school playground are springing up in towns and cities all around the world. Using a method first created in Japan, the soil is prepared with nutrients and native trees are planted close together to produce a rich, dense forest in only a few years. Described as 'resilient bubbles of nature', they create a small ecosystem, an environment where lots of different plants and animals can live together and thrive. Dutchman, Daan Bleichrodt, from Tiny Forest IVN said, 'We're densely populated in Holland, but every neighbourhood has about 200 square metres of barren land that can be converted into a natural forest.' The British government has allocated funding for twelve mini forests to be built in the UK, but will this be enough to affect climate change? Daan replied that thousands of square metres would be needed to make any real change. However, he was confident that it would benefit the world in a different way. 'We can educate a generation of kids to learn how to restore forests,' he said.

Nigerian town's new ambulance

When pregnant women in Nigeria need to get to hospital to have their babies, most people have no transport. They rely on neighbours, who may have a car or even a motorbike. So, a woman called Halima, living in the village of Bardo, called a meeting. She said, 'Women in the village are a team and we make sure issues that affect us are resolved.' They decided to put funds together to buy an emergency vehicle to transport women to hospital quickly when they are about to have their babies. They named the vehicle 'Haihuwa Lafiya', which means 'safe motherhood'. Families pay a small amount of money to use it. The driver, Yunusa Mohammed, drives his emergency 'ambulance' very carefully. He said, 'I always make sure that I keep calm when I drive. I do this job with a lot of pride. I see it as my duty.'



Pictured: Most towns and villages rely on donkey or ox and cart for transport
Source: Rod Waddington



Hughie's beads of courage

Ten-year-old Hughie regards The Royal Manchester Children's Hospital as his second home. Because he has an illness called leukaemia that affects his blood, he has visited more than fifty times, often for checks on his blood. The doctors and nurses there have been so kind. They gave Hughie a necklace so that each time he has his blood taken, he is given a black bead to add to it. He already has fifty-six 'beads of courage' on his necklace for each arm or thumb prick he has endured. His best friend, Freddie wanted to do something to say thank you to the hospital for helping his pal to be brave, so he ran two kilometres every day to raise some money for the hospital. When he appeared on BBC Breakfast on Christmas Day, two generous viewers topped up Freddie's total from £185,000 to a whopping £200,000! Both Hughie and Freddie adore music,



Pictured: Hughie (right) with his best friend, Freddie before his diagnosis
Source: @Gabsutton

so, they agreed that some of the money should be spent on music therapy. Some of the remainder will be spent on a Belmont infuser. This piece of equipment warms up blood donations so that when blood transfusions are given to patients like Hughie, the blood is the same temperature as his body and does not cause hypothermia.

Your thoughts on last week's news...

I think our lives would be different because we would have to walk everywhere.
Logan – age 9

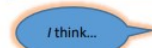
Transport is very important in our lives as we can travel places and get lots of food.
Esther – age 10



What was your opinion on this week's news? Visit our discussion area, found here:

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss
to share your thoughts!

Our lives would be different with no transport because we use transport so much, the bus, the car as well as trains and walking! No transport means that we couldn't fulfil many tasks but it won't be that bad because it would help with air pollution.
Fannie K – age 10



YOUR
COMMENTS

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Plus, Minus, Interesting

What are the positives? What are the negatives? Are there any points you think are interesting and worth noting?

Plus	Minus	Interesting