

Convent of Mercy Nursery School



February Home Pack

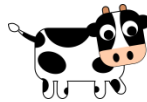


Hello everyone! How are you all? We hope that you and your families are well. The teachers have enjoyed looking at photos of some of the boys and girls working hard at home and we have been reading messages from the grown-ups telling us how good you are being and how you have enjoyed the activities that we sent you in the post.

In our February home-pack we are sending out ideas that we would love to be doing with you in school if you were here.

At this time of the year we look at the theme of '**Animals**.' We have already explored polar animals during January - animals who enjoy living in really cold conditions all year-round. Over the next few weeks we will talk about **wild animals** - animals who live completely by themselves and do not need help from people. We will look at **farm animals** - animals who are looked after by people and are often kept so that they can give people food. We are also going to talk about **animals that are extinct** - animals that lived a long time ago and do not

exist anymore.



The theme of **Animals** is one that the children really enjoy exploring and it provides lots of learning from how animals can be cared for, to the different habitats that animals live in, to where some of our food comes from.

There are so many stories, programmes, songs and rhymes to support our learning about animals - keep an eye on our website for links.

Here are some of the activities that the children can enjoy at home:

- Using a half paper plate and a toilet roll tube cut in half make a **dinosaur** that can stand all by himself. (See school website)
- Make a **dinosaur mask** using a half-paper-plate and the paper cut outs to add horns and a nose. (See school website)

- **Make your own dinosaur fossils!** Fossils are the imprint of the skeleton of an animal that lived millions of years ago. For this activity you will need salt dough and a small toy dinosaur or if you don't have a dinosaur you could use the footprints of another toy animal. (See school website.)
- **'Help The Dinosaur Find Their Eggs'** worksheet. A simple activity to help children develop their skills of matching as well as practice their grip and control of pencils (early writing skills.)
- **Muddy Pig** - Use the pink cut-out and eyes to make your very own pig and use a felt tip to draw on the snout and mouth.

Do you know what pigs love to do? They love to roll in the mud! It helps them to keep cool in hot weather and it stops their skin from getting sunburnt. Your pig is nice and clean have a go at making it muddy!

- **Milk the Cow!** - Milk comes from dairy cows and the farmer takes it from a part of the cow called an udder; we can see the udder underneath the cow's tummy. Using the glove in your pack, get an adult to help you pour in water or milk before tying a knot at the top. Get an adult to pin-prick a hole in the tip of each finger and have a go at 'milking the cow!'
- **Rocking Chicken** - Using a whole paper plate, eyes, paper-cut-outs and feather, make your very own chicken! (See school website.)
Did you know that chickens live in coops? They produce eggs for us to eat and bake with. A baby chicken is called a chick and a male chicken is called a rooster.
- **Giraffe** - Stick Cheerios on to the giraffe template to make his spots! Don't forget to draw on eyes/mouth.
Giraffes live in Africa, a sunny and warm environment. Did you know that they eat leaves, plants, herbs and fruit? They only sleep for about 30 minutes every day - the same length of time as 2x Paw Patrol programmes!
- **Cheeky Monkeys!** -Use the two brown cut-outs to make a monkey's body and the strips of brown paper will make concertina arms and legs. (See school website.)

Monkeys live in the jungles of Africa, Asia and South America. They eat fruit, seeds, leaves and small insects. Did you know that monkeys have feelings? They can be sad, happy and excited just like us!

- **Lion Face** - Using the orange paper cut-out we're going to add detail to make a male lion face! (See school website.)

Lions live in Africa and India. Their roar can be heard 5 miles away if a lion roared in Crossgar we could hear it in Downpatrick! A baby lion is called a cub.

- **Make a Pasta Snake!** - Using a length of string knotted at one end, thread some penne pasta to make a long snake! You can paint it and add sticky eyes! Can you count how long your snake is? Did you know snakes don't have eyelids? They can't chew their food so they swallow it whole! Snakes can be found all around the world but not in Antarctica.

There are some materials in your pack to make some **Valentine's craft and cards** for the people you love! 

Enjoy these ideas boys and girls and we would love to see some of your work when you are finished. We miss seeing your lovely faces and your families too so your photos really cheer us up!

Take care and have fun!