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Teaching Ideas

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all keeping safe and had a good week. Below are some ideas for activities you could do with your children. These ideas are largely based on the book “Handa’s Hen”, a follow-up from last week’s story. Of course, we don’t expect you to complete all of these activities – they are meant to be fun learning ideas that may help guide you in these unusual times.

We are missing all of the children very much!

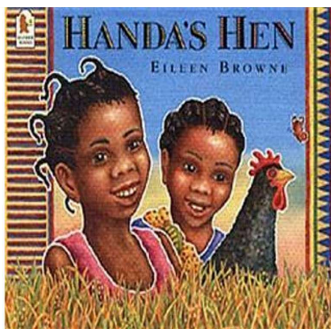
As always, please check in again next Monday for some new ideas.

Many thanks,

Mrs Slater, Miss Richardson and Miss Larkin

Activity 1 – Reading

- Let’s read Handa’s Hen: <https://vimeo.com/60866124>
- Talk about the story together:
 - What animals/insects do you like best?
 - Remember to count all the creatures that you see.
 - How would Handa feel at the end of the story?



Activity 2 – Writing

- Talk about breakfast and why it is an important meal.
- Draw or write what their favourite breakfast would be.
- The whole family could be asked what they would like for breakfast, and a menu could be made.
- You could write some of the words pictured below and help your child read or copy them.



Activity 3 – Crafts

- Paint, draw or make Mondri the hen.
- Make a butterfly.



Activity 4 –Physical Development

- Try spreading butter on toast for breakfast. Pour out cereals and milk.
- Can they move like the animals in the story?

Activity 5 – Mathematics – Counting and Ordering

- Count the animals in the story.
- Play how many objects you can fit in a shoe, bowl, plate or bag.

Activity 7 – Mathematics – Symmetry



- Cut out a butterfly shape
- Paint some dots or stripes onto one wing, fold the other wing onto it and press lightly
- Watch the patterns print onto the other wing and make a symmetrical pattern.
- Go for a shape walk - can you find items that are round, squares or triangles?

Activity 8 – Movement

- Play a game of hide and seek.

- Demonstrate animal movements - can they flap like a hen, peck seed like the chick, flutter like a butterfly, scurry like the mice or jump like a frog?