

## Y3/4 - Term 6 English Home-Learning Week 3

The first unit of this term is on persuasive writing and builds up to writing about the pros and cons of keeping animals in zoos. This last week of the unit is once again based around 'Zoo' by Anthony Browne.

### Week 2 Text Zoo

#### **Activity 1:** Reread and respond to 'Zoo'

Reread the story to refresh your memory, stopping to discuss anything new that you notice in it this week.

- Discuss with your child about 'rereading' stories - do they enjoy hearing some stories more than once? Why/why not?
- Discuss with your child some of the stories that you like to reread or hear again.
- Think about some stories that are constantly revisited - eg, traditional tales. Why do you think they are passed on from generation to generation?

**Activity 2:** Choose from these writing activities (we suggest you choose at least one of these activities, although some children may want to do more)

- Make a list of 'for' and 'against' arguments about keeping animals in zoos. Could you have a family debate to discuss the issue?(see attached PDF)
- The final sentence in the book asks a question. Could you think about the answer? Could you write a story about a dream that an animal might have?
- Could you write a story about a world in which animals keep humans in zoos?
- Look on a map to find the locations of zoos near to where you live. Could you plan a visit to a zoo?
- Look at the **PDFs** with photos of elephants, giraffes and lions. Choose one of them and write speech bubbles or captions to show what the animals are thinking or saying in the photos.
- Write from a different point of view - tell the story from Mum or Dad's point of view.
- What happens next? Write a story about the family's next outing.
- Zoos often have signs that give information about the animals kept there. Could you make a poster to teach people about an animal kept in a zoo?
- Write a book review for 'Zoo'. How many stars would you give it?

### Activity 3 Grammar:

#### Y3: Present Perfect

Possible resources:

- Y3 Present Perfect and Past Simple PowerPoint
- Y3 Past and Present Perfect Warm Up PowerPoint
- This website gives an explanation of the present perfect for parents:  
<https://www.theschoolrun.com/what-are-the-present-perfect-and-the-past-perfect>

Worksheets for children to choose from:

- Y3 Present Perfect Sorting Sentences (answers provided)
  - Y3 Present Perfect Complete the Sentence (answers provided)
  - Y3 Present Perfect Write a Paragraph
- If you want an extra challenge, have a go at the Present Perfect Mini Test.

#### Y4: Nouns and Pronouns

Possible resources:

- Y4 Pronouns and Nouns PowerPoint
- BBC Bitesize:  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn/articles/z37xrwx>
- This website explains pronouns for parents:  
<https://www.theschoolrun.com/what-is-a-pronoun>

Worksheets for children to choose from:

- Y4 Spot the Pronouns and Nouns (answers provided)
- Y4 Replace the Nouns (answers provided)
- Y4 Improving Writing