Date: Thursday 2 nd April 2020		
Activity Title: Gerald's Hide and Seek		
Learning Intention: To be able to link sounds to letters.	Activity Overview: Hunt for hidden letters and then make a list of objects which start with the same initial letter sound.	
Links to EYFS: literacy: reading: Can segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together. Hears and says the initial sound in words.		
Equipment: Letter cards (if you don't have a printer, create your own letter cards by writing the letters on separate pieces of paper) Scissors Pencil A4 plain paper/card/ post-it-notes	Key vocabulary: Gerald, giraffe, story, book, name, sound, letter, alphabet, hear, say, listen, write.	

ACTIVITY IMPLEMENTATION (including key question)

Introduction:

- Remind your child of today's story 'Giraffes Can't Dance' (see video link in daily timetable, if you'd like to watch it again).
- Explain that today we are going on a letter hunt to find and make Gerald's name, but first we must prepare the resources.

Main Activity:

- 1. Sound out each letter of Gerald's name and allow your child to cut the letter cards out independently. Support your child with cutting by repositioning his/her hand and modelling effective cutting.
- 2. Invite your child to cover his/her eyes whilst you hide each of the letters around the room, ensuring that they are at an accessible height.
- **3.** Start the letter hunt!
- **4.** Once your child has found all of the letters, invite them to put the letter cards in order to make Gerald's name.

Challenge:

- Select a letter card. What sound does this letter make? Think of as many objects as you can which start with the same initial letter sound.
- Repeat with the different letter cards.
- Do you think you could find the letters in your name and put them in the correct order? (Separate activity)

Additional ways to support your child:	Extension:
Say the letter sounds for each letter in Gerald's	Ask your child to write a list of the objects they
name, allow your child to repeat after you.	thought of for each initial letter sound. (Use the Read,
	Write Inc letter formation sheet).