

Individual Activity Lesson Plan

Date: Wednesday 10th June 2020

Activity Title: Life Cycle of a Tortoise

Learning Intention:

- Learn about how an egg becomes a tortoise.

Activity Overview:

Learn about the different life stages of a tortoise.

Links to EYFS: Understanding the World:

- Can talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects.
- Developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time.

Resources:

- Printed out template – Life Cycle of a Tortoise
- Crayons, scissors, glue

Key vocabulary:

Nest, lay, egg, hatch, hatchling, growing, tortoise.

ACTIVITY IMPLEMENTATION (including key questions)

Introduction:

- Show your child pictures of tortoises and have a discussion about what he/she already knows about them.
- *Do you know where tortoises live?
- *What do they eat?
- *What is the shell for?
- *I wonder what the difference between a tortoise and a turtle is.
- Follow the link below and watch together a short video about Tortoise Fun Facts: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zwTD3iHoh78>



Main Activity:

- Explain to your child that he/she is going to learn more about tortoises and where they come from.
- First, show your child the provided template and go through the pictures on the top. Let him/her describe what is happening in each picture, support him/her with the correct vocabulary if needed (e.g. nest, lay, hatch, grow).
- *Where does the mummy tortoise lay the eggs?
- *How does a baby turtle get out of an egg?
- *What happens after the baby has hatched?
- Encourage your child to tell you the life stages of a tortoise, using the pictures in the template as prompts. Guide them with questions if necessary.
- *First, there is an egg. What happens next?
- *And what happens after the tortoise hatches?
- Invite your child to do the sequencing activity at the end of the template.

Challenge:

- Click on the following link and watch a baby tortoise hatching!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AYmY3WBtV68>
- Suggest to your child to have a go at creating a poster to show the life cycle of a tortoise.

Additional ways to support your child:

Be the first to describe the life cycle of a tortoise using the attached pictures and then encourage your child to tell you what he/she remembers.

Extension:

Invite your child to complete the additional activity sheet – Find the Baby Tortoise.