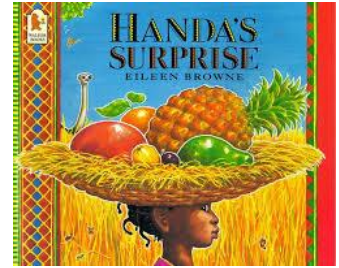


Story of the Week



Online link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QpKuWhRAG18>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QqdXBhyORug> (animated version)

How the Book Can Support Children's Learning

Health and Wellbeing:

- Learning about healthy eating, using our senses to explore what some foods look, taste, feel and smell like
- A sense of enjoyment and achievement when preparing healthy foods and drinks
- Awareness of hygienic food handling
- A knowledge of where food comes from
- Learning how to use kitchen tools safely and assessing risk
- Developing fine and gross motor skills, balance and hand - eye coordination
- Understanding the importance of friendship, caring, sharing, fairness, love and equality in building positive relationships.
- Cultural diversity awareness

Literacy:

- Exploring how sounds, letters and words work together
- Awareness of text, rhythm and sequence in stories
- Learning to explore events and characters in stories
- Learning to express my thoughts and opinions
- Listening skills
- Organising information into a logical sequence
- Creating texts and sharing ideas
- Asking questions to understand texts
- Taking part in conversations
- Using imagination to explore stories and share this with others

Numeracy:

- Learning about size, shape, weight, length, height and distance
- Using mathematical language - big, biggest, bigger, taller, near, far, up, down, inside, outside, heavy, light ...
- Linking numbers to quantities
- Counting in sequence
- Awareness of how money is used
- Sharing and grouping
- Colour and pattern
- Sorting and matching
- Making graphs and charts

Possible Home Learning Experiences Linked to the Story

Things to Talk about ...

- Surprises - Look at the front cover - can you guess what the surprise is going to be? Do you like surprises? Have you ever surprised someone?
- Did you enjoy the story? What did / didn't you enjoy about it?
- The colours of the fruits and how these colours can change over time (see banana experiment below!)
- Friendship - Maybe your child misses his / her friends - it's ok to acknowledge this and talk about how this feels. What does friendship mean? Who are your friends - can you draw them? How do you show someone you are their friend?
- Make paper or card cut-outs of the characters in the story and use these to re-tell the story. Some children might want to try re-telling the story in a different way or perhaps from Handa's point of view - what does she think happened to all her fruit?
- Think of words to describe the different fruits - preferably when making your fruit dishes e.g., juicy, sour, sweet, tasty, chewy, crunchy and so on
- Think of different words to describe the animals - what they look like and what they might sound like e.g., tall, stripy, fierce, scary, cheeky, feathery, noisy, bright... and so on

Things to do ...

- Make a pretend grocer's shop or fruit stall with price tags - use real fruit and real money if you can and count or weigh
- Fruit painting - encourage your child to paint or draw pictures of the various fruit
- Fruit printing - Cut oranges, lemons, apples, pears etc. in half or quarter, dip in paint and make print patterns. You can also get interesting patterns using the skins of some fruits - citrus fruits and pineapples are particularly interesting! Nb., to avoid food wastage, try, if possible, to use fruit that is past its best!
- Make a healthy fruit smoothie or a fruit salad
- Make fruit kebabs - can you make a pattern? Count how many pieces of each fruit - are there more of one kind than another? If you eat one piece, how many are left?
- Try planting the seeds from various fruits once you've eaten them - label them and see which ones grow fastest. You could make a chart to compare them and use a magnifier to take a closer look.
- Do a banana experiment! Leave a real banana in the same spot for two weeks. Draw a picture of the banana every day and / or take a photograph of it.
- Make a pictograph of favourite fruits. Ask everyone in your house and friends and family online!
- Make fruit from playdough
- Draw all the characters and fruit from the story onto card. Cut each out then act out the

- Make your own home-made book of Handa's Surprise
- Act out the story - can you balance a basket filled with fruit or other (safe) items on your head?
- Handa lives in a village in Kenya, which is in Africa. Can you find Kenya on a map? Can you find out any interesting facts about Kenya?
- Can you draw or paint some of the animals from the story?
- Can you pretend to be one of the animals and get others to guess which one it is?
- Make a friendship bracelet using a piece of string, thread, ribbon or wool and some painted pasta, old beads and buttons, cut out card shapes or any other recycled materials around the house
- Make animal masks out of paper plates or old card from cereal boxes

Things you might need ...

A selection of fruit

Kitchen cutlery, plates and bowls

Kebab skewers

Card from empty cereal boxes or paper plates

Scrap paper

Sellotape, masking tape, scissors, stapler

Empty fruit trays

String, wool, thread, ribbon, elastic nands

Pens, pencils, crayons, chalk, paint and brushes

Beads, buttons, pasta

Atlas or globe (or Googlemaps!)

Flour, oil, cream of tartar, salt, food colouring

Weighing scales

Small plant pots (You can use yoghurt pots or egg cartons!), compost, spoon or small trowel

Homemade playdough recipe:

1 cup of plain flour. $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of salt, 1 spoon of oil, 1 spoon of cream of tartar, 1 cup of water, food colouring optional. Mix together.

How to plant an avocado seed:

<https://diyprojects.com/grow-avocado-seed/>

How to make fruit kebabs:

<https://www.healthylittlefoodies.com/fruit-kebabs/>

Ideas for games such as snap and bingo:

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/story-books/handas-surprise-story-primary-teaching->

Some zoos and animal parks have live webcams - check some of them out!

Blair Drummond Safari Park

<https://www.blairdrummond.com/>

London Zoo

<https://www.zsl.org/videos/behind-the-scenes/keepers-eye-view>

Edinburgh Zoo

<https://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams/panda-cam/>

Other stories related to Handa's Surprise

<https://www.storyberries.com/short-stories-for-kids-mama-antelopes-house-bedtime-stories/> - Mamma Antelope

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M2TniloDMM4> - Leon and Bob - a story about making friends

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25_u1GzruQM - The Animal Boogie

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mp4GZ1I0pfY> This is a gorgeous, lyrical ode to loving who you are, respecting others, and being kind to one another

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YEyUpBJgZnU> Wait for Me! - Fun and friendship / African animals

Related songs

Songs about Fruit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRu1Yp2br00> - The Wiggles, Fruit salad song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T1EJ8M4QhDI> Fruit colours song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=67BgIijI2xA> - I Love Fruit song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FJVrNQGmE8c> The Fruit Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mfReSbQ7jzE> Fruit song for kids

Songs about animals

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NNELmTbw9yM> Jungle animals song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wCfWmlnJI-A> The animal song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0EdZZWkcm5Q> Giraffe song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQf6yWEScB8> One elephant came out to play

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7DYjfaZGas> Baby Monkey (like Baby Shark!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MzW0FLUEUGk> Ostrich Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uw3PSarXig0> Zebra song