

NewsRoom Daily Activity Plan



It's never been more important to share positive news stories with our children! Stories about good news, interesting news or even strange news can be a great way to help your child explore the world around them.

Our suggested structure is here to help your child engage with good news stories and practise their key learning skills. By using the tasks, your child will be able to learn about positive things happening across the world at this time. It will also allow them to practise their reading, writing and investigating skills.

Open the news article for your child's age and look at the picture. Ask your child questions about the image and headline.

- What could this story be about?
- Why do you think the editor chose that picture?
- What might have happened?

(2–3 minutes)



As they read the article, or after they have finished, talk to them about it. When thinking of your own questions, use the 5Ws to help you. For example:

- What has happened?
- Who is the news story about?
- Where did it happen?
- When did it happen?
- Why did it happen? Why is this story in the news?

(5 minutes)



Encourage your child to read all of the questions first. Then, see if they can answer any from memory. Teach them to look back at the news story to help them answer the trickier questions and to check their answers. If they got any wrong, use the answer sheet to help them understand their mistakes. Finally, explain how to answer those types of questions more successfully next time.

(10 minutes)

Scientists Make Plastic from Plant Sugars

Questions

- How quickly could the PET plastic decompose with a compost?
- Find three crops sugars have been used from to make PEF.
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- "...they hope the new bottles will be hitting our shelves by 2023." This suggests that...
 - ☐ The scientists are taking a break.
 - ☐ The technology will take a while to test.
 - ☐ The year 2023 is a good year.
 - ☐ A bottle takes three years to create.
- How do you think scientists feel about this news?

Look at the activities on the Task Sheet and the Image Sheet. These are designed to deepen your child's understanding. The activities on the Task Sheet encourage them to explore, investigate or write about topics linked to the story. The activities on the Image Sheet encourage your child to solve a maths problem, create, paint or build something and even discuss a philosophical question linked to the story.

(15 minutes)

27th May 2020 Scientists Create Plant Based Plastic

Investigate

The plant-based plastics in the story are called PEF. It could be a way of reducing the time it takes for plastic to decompose.

However, this is not the only solution to reducing plastic waste. We could also aim to use less plastic.

Make a list of all the plastic things you use in a day. It could be a plastic bottle you drink from or getting shampoo from a plastic bottle.

Then, investigate if there are alternatives to using the plastic you used.

Once you have finished you could pledge to reduce the amount of unnecessary plastic you use.

Write

Write a speech convincing...