# HeadStart <br> primary 

## Year 2

## Learning Activity Booklet

For Maths \& English





SECTION B


## section c




Count in steps of 2,3 and 5 from zero, forward and backward


(2) Now match the following. An example is shown.




## Mastering the Maths Curriculum <br> Maths Curriculum <br> Construct simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and tables

(1) The pictogram shows the colour of the balls in the basket. There are some blue, red, yellow and green balls.

number of balls
a
Fill in the missing box showing the colour of the balls.
b There were $\mathbf{5}$ yellow balls. Add this information to the pictogram.
(2) Count the different fruit and complete the tally chart.

| Fruit | Tally |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| apple | HH | IIII |
| banana | IIII |  |
| pear | HH | HH |


(3) Now, on a separate piece of paper, construct your own pictogram and tally chart to show the information below.

| Colour of cars arriving on the carpark from 2pm to 3pm |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| red | black | silver | white |
| 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 |

correct tally chart and pictogram drawn

(2) Naeem had 50p. He bought a lollipop and got this change.

How much was the lollipop? 20 p
3

hat

shorts


## Reading Comprehension

## THE GREEN BLOBBY MONSTER

Here is a story with missing words. All of the words are being held up by the Green Blobby Monster. See if you can put the right words in the right places.



She opens the fridge and peers inside. There's orange juice and a cheese sandwich, but no Green Blobby Monster. The apple ___ pie has been eaten.

She runs all over the house until she's out of breath
Now it's bed time. She looks under her bed. There is the Green Blobby
Monster, fast asleep and making a snoring _ noise

It goes: "Zu...zu...zu...zu...zu..."

## Reading Comprehension

English Curriculum

## A FABLE: THE MAN, THE BOY AND THE DONKEY

Read this fable (a story containing a lesson), then answer the questions.

## The Man, the Boy, and the Donkey

A man and his son were taking their donkey to market. As they walked along by its side, a countryman passed and said, "You fools, what is a donkey for but to ride upon?" So the man put the boy on the donkey, and they went on their way.

Soon, they passed a group of men. One said, "See that lazy boy. He lets his father walk while he rides."


The man took his son off and climbed on himself. They hadn't gone far when they passed two women. One said to the other, "Shame on that lazy lout to let his poor son trudge along."

The man didn't know what to do, so he pulled his son up beside him on the donkey. When they reached the town, the people laughed and pointed at them. The man asked what they were laughing at.

The people said, "Aren't you ashamed of yourself for overloading that poor donkey of yours - you and your son?"

So they both got off and wondered what to do. They cut down a pole and tied the donkey's feet to it. Then they raised the pole and the donkey to their shoulders. They staggered along until they came to a bridge. The donkey, getting one of its feet loose, kicked out and caused the boy to drop his end of the pole. In the struggle the donkey fell over the bridge, and was drowned.

The old man and his son, feeling sad, made their way home, thinking: "When we try to please everybody, we please nobody."

## Reading Comprehension <br> English Curriculum

Now check the fable again for the answers to these questions.
(1) Who called the man and his son fools? a countryman
(2) Who was the first one to sit on the donkey? the boy

(3) What word did the group of men use to describe the boy? lazy
(4) Who did the man and his son see after the group of men? two women
(5) Where were they when people laughed and pointed at them? in the town

6 What word tells you the man and his son found it hard to carry the donkey?
staggered
(7) What happened to the donkey at the end?

It drowned.
(8)What lesson did the man and his son learn?

When we try to please everybody, we please nobody.

## Reading Comprehension

English Curriculum

## THE EGG AND SPOON RACE - The Start

The teacher is trying to line up everybody for the egg and spoon race. But he's having trouble. Look at the order in which things happen.

The teacher, Mr Jackson, was about to blow his whistle to start the race. Then he saw that Eric had a real egg instead of a potato. Luckily, Mr Jackson had an extra potato handy and gave it to Eric. Everybody held up their spoons, ready to go. Then Bartek asked if he could go to the toilet. Mr Jackson nodded and looked at his
 watch. When Bartek returned, Samira asked if she could go as well. Mr Jackson sighed. Once everyone was lined up again, Mina dropped her potato. They all waited until she had picked it up. At last, Mr Jackson blew his whistle.
(1) When Mr Jackson saw that Eric had an egg, what did he do? He gave Eric a potato.
(2) Once Eric was ready, what did everyone do? Everybody held up their spoons ready to go.
(3) What did Mr Jackson do when Bartek asked to go to the toilet? He nodded and looked at his watch.
(4) What happened after Bartek came back? Samira asked if she could go to the toilet too.
(5) What happened just before Mr Jackson blew his whistle? Mina dropped her potato.

## HOW IS ZOE TODAY?

You can often tell how people are feeling by the way they behave. How do you think this person feels? Tick one box.


## Reading Comprehension

English Curriculum

## L. S. LOWRY

Read this information about the British painter, Laurence Stephen Lowry. To answer the questions that follow, you'll have to use the clues in the text.
 health was bad after he was born.

As a young boy, he lived on the edge of Manchester surrounded by trees. This became too expensive. The family had to move house. Then Laurence had to get used to seeing the smoke from factory chimneys rather than trees. Later, this was to become part of his art.

After leaving school, he studied art. He was interested in painting the landscape of factories, football crowds and working people that surrounded him. He is often described as painting 'matchstick men'.

His mother, who was ill for some time, died in 1939, before she could see how successful he had become.

He died in 1976. By then, he had done over 1000 paintings and 8000 drawings. Thirty-five years later, in 2011, one of his paintings sold for five million pounds.


## Reading Comprehension <br> English Curriculum

(1) Do you think Laurence had a happy childhood?

No.
(2) Why do you think that?

He did not have many friends. / His mother's health was bad.

3 What words tell you that Laurence's mother was longing to be a great pianist?
dreamt of becoming a famous pianist
4 How do you know the family was not rich?
It became too expensive for the family to stay where they lived surrounded by trees. They had to move.
(5) How did Laurence make use of the factories he saw around him? He painted the factories and the people who worked in them.

6 Laurence's mother never saw what a famous artist he became. Why was that?
She died in 1939 (before Laurence was successful).
(7) How do we know he spent a lot of time painting?

He did over 1000 paintings and 8000 drawings.

## Reading Comprehension

English Curriculum

## THE PENGUIN

Here is a page out of an information book about penguins. See how the picture of the penguin has labels to help you read the facts.
\(\left.$$
\begin{array}{l}\begin{array}{l}\text { Black feathers seen } \\
\text { from above and } \\
\text { white feathers seen } \\
\text { from below make it } \\
\text { hard for predators } \\
\text { to spot them while } \\
\text { swimming. } \\
\text { lhey are also able to } \\
\text { help them feed on fish. } \\
\text { drink salty seawater. } \\
\text { litte hook at the end }\end{array} \\
\begin{array}{l}\text { They have a } \\
\text { layer of fat, } \\
\text { called blubber, } \\
\text { under their skin } \\
\text { to keep them } \\
\text { warm in freezing } \\
\text { temperatures. }\end{array} \\
\begin{array}{l}\text { They have fluffy } \\
\text { feathers next to } \\
\text { their skin, as } \\
\text { well as an outer } \\
\text { layer of feathers } \\
\text { to keep in the } \\
\text { heat. }\end{array}
$$ <br>
but, instead of <br>
wings, they have <br>
flippers that help <br>

them swim.\end{array}\right]\)| They also huddle together to stay warm. As many as 5000 penguins |
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| will crowd close together when freezing winds are blowing. |
| The feet of penguins help them to |
| grip the ice as well as helping |
| them to steer when they are |
| swimming. |

## Reading Comprehension

English Curriculum

1 How fast can a penguin swim?
15 mph
(2) Penguins are fast swimmers. Write down two things that help them. The shape of their bodies helps them to swim easily through the water. Their oily feathers keep them waterproof in the sea.

3 How is being black and white good for the penguin? When they are in the water, their black and white feathers
(above and below) make it hard for predators to spot them.
4 What do penguins drink?
salty seawater
(5) Which part of the penguin's body helps it to steer while it is swimming?
feet

6 Write down three things that help a penguin stay warm.
a layer of fat, called blubber, under their skin
fluffy feathers next to their skin (and another outer layer of feathers)
huddling together when freezing winds are blowing

## Reading Comprehension

English Curriculum
PICTURE THIS
Look at this picture. Below, parts of the picture are compared to other things. Tick the sentence that you think is right, then say why you chose that one.


1
Does the moon look like a...
or a... balloon?


Why did you tick that one?

2 $\begin{array}{rrr}\text { Do the fireworks look like a... } & \text { fountain } & \square \\ \text { or... } & \text { flowers? } & \square\end{array}$ Why did you tick that one?

3 Do the bats look like...


Why did you tick that one?
They are not a shape you could wear. / They are spiky.


Grammar and Punctuation English Curriculum

## Using full stops and capital letters

Write out the sentences below using capital letters and full stops. (Remember: names need capital letters.)
(1) axel firestone is a caveboy Axel Firestone is a caveboy.
(2) axel has a baby sister called tuft

Axel has a baby sister called Tuft.
(3) his mum and dad are called flame and ash

His mum and dad are called Flame and Ash.
(4) they all live together in a cave

They all live together in a cave.
Look at the picture and write a sentence of your own.
appropriate sentence written with capital letters and a full stop


Write more sentences about the Firestone family.
Grammar and Punctuation English Curriculum

## Using an apostrophe for contraction

Use the contractions in the rocks to complete the sentences.


Dusk told Axel what she was going to do.
1 (It is) ................... too far to walk back with these heavy baskets.
2 (I have) .......'ve ........ got a plan.
(3) (l am) .................... going back to get help.
(4) We (cannot) ....can't ...... both go back.
(5) So (you are) ....you're ...... going to stay here.

6 (Do not) ................... move from this spot.
Dusk left Axel to guard the baskets of fruit and vegetables.


Write the contractions in the story in full.



This is Dusk Moonlight.
She lives with her mum and dad.
Her mum is called Luna Moonlight and her dad is called Sol Moonlight.

They live next to the Firestones.
They live at 2, Cave Street, Blackrock, Dinoland.

## Grammar and Punctuation

## English Curriculum

Using capital letters for names of people and places

Write out the sentences below using capital letters for names. All the nouns that need capital letters have been written in bold to help you. (Don't forget the full stops!)
(1) dusk moonlight lives at 2 , cave street

Dusk Moonlight lives at 2, Cave Street.
(2) her friend, axel firestone, lives next door

Her friend, Axel Firestone, lives next door.
(3) axel lives at 1, cave street

Axel lives at I, Cave Street.
(4) they live in the town of blackrock

They live in the town of Blackrock.
5 they live in the country of dinoland
They live in the country of Dinoland.


| Grammar and Punctuation English Curriculum |
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| Writing commands |

To write commands you need to put the verb (the doing or action word) at the beginning of the sentence.

Write the sentences as commands. The first one has been started for you.
(1) You will stop shouting, Axel.
Stop shouting, Axel.
(2) You will be brave.

Be brave.
(3) You will jump on Seff's back.

Jump on Seff's back.
Axel jumped on the dinosaur's back. The sabre-tooth tiger growled at them. Dusk pointed her spear at the tiger.
(4) You will get away from us.
Get away from us.
5 You will gallop off, Seff.
6) You will hold on tight, Axel.
Gallop off, Seff.
Hold on tight, Axel.

Seff galloped off and soon they were safely back home. Dusk had saved him.



Axel was hungry. There was nothing to eat.
Dad hadn't gone hunting for over a week.
Dad was too busy making a new firestone.
Axel took his bow and arrow off the wall.
"If Dad won't go hunting, I'll go on my own," said Axel.
Outside the cave he met Dusk, the girl from the cave next door.
"Where are you going?" asked Dusk.
"Hunting," said Axel.
"Should I come with you?" asked Dusk.

## Grammar and Punctuation <br> English Curriculum

## Using question marks with questions

Put question marks at the end of the questions.


What are the six question words that Dusk uses?
what where when who why .............................................................

Write some questions you would want to ask Axel.




spelling
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