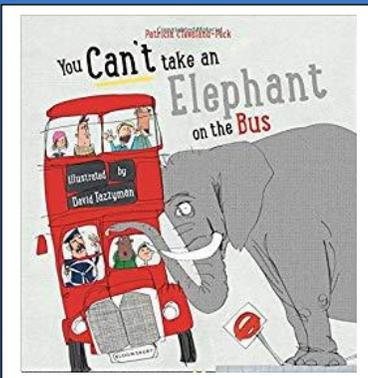


Welcome to SPOKES!

Summer Term 2019

Dear Parent,

Welcome to our SPOKES (Supporting Parents on Kids Education in Schools) newsletter. If your child is in Key Stage 1 at school and you would like to learn some skills and activities to support them in their development, please ask your class teacher if your school is one of the Plymouth schools taking part in the free SPOKES Ready for School 9 week programme.



This term's featured book is "You Can't take an Elephant on the Bus" by Patricia Cleveland-Peck. This is just one of the free books parents receive on the SPOKES course together with lots of other free goodies.

Look out for another featured book in the next newsletter.

Meanwhile if you are a parent and would like to find out more about the programme, please contact Jo Best (SPOKES Coordinator), Tel: 258933 or email jo.best@plymouth.gov.uk

If you are a school and wish to be part of this exciting and effective Ready for School initiative, please contact Jo Best .

Coffee Time Puzzler

Try our "You Can't take an Elephant on the Bus" related word search, how long will it take you to find all 12 words?

A E R E A D I N G G R P
N I K B D Y G G B H T V
I P K M S P O K E S E K
M A L E A R N I N G W D
A L I S T E N I N G R T
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SPOKES
ELEPHANT
READING
LISTENING
BUS
STORY

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LEARNING
TALKING
TIGER
WRITING
ANIMALS

The overall aim of the SPOKES Ready for School programme is to give the parent / carer the skills to make their child ready for school.

By the end of the course, the parent / carer will be able to support their child to:

- Communicate effectively
- Be able to listen attentively and use language constructively
- Make reading and writing fun
- Support a positive environment for school readiness at home
- Support their child's reading through the use of 'Pause, Prompt and Praise'
- Regulate their emotions and behaviours effectively

COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to our two winners Yaser Adi, Plymouth School of Creative Arts and Jacob Salter, Shakespeare Primary for your brilliant pictures.

Calling all artists!

Is your child feeling inspired by the fabulous “You Can’t take an Elephant on the Bus” or a favourite book? Send us a picture they have drawn based on a story and enter our prize draw. Please put their name and school on the back of their artwork. The first two pictures chosen will be printed, along with your child’s name and school, on our next newsletter.

You’ll also receive a free book which is featured in the SPOKES programme for you and your child to read together. Please pass your entries to your school office by 18 July and we will ensure they are entered in the competition.



Yaser Adi, Plymouth School of Creative Arts



Jacob Salter, Shakespeare Primary