



## Handa`s Surprise

Hiya everyone,

I hope you are all well and enjoying these story ideas. Last week`s story was all about a very hungry caterpillar eating lots of food. This week`s story is about food again! Lots of delicious fruit. It`s called **Handa`s Surprise** by Eileen Brown.

Listen and watch the story on youtube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UuMS5UQ1kyE>

Listen to the counting song

[https://www.earlylearningq.org.uk/themes/fruit\\_vegetables/handas-surprise-number-song/](https://www.earlylearningq.org.uk/themes/fruit_vegetables/handas-surprise-number-song/)

This story takes place in **Africa** which is a long way from where we live. Handa wants to visit her friend Akeiyo with a basket of fruit and wonders which fruit is her friend`s favourite. She walks all the way to the village where her friend lives but there are some very cheeky animals along the journey!

Find out more about African countries, the weather, animals, river. Search National Geographic for Kids

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/countries/country-fact-file-kenya/>

You could search Googlemaps to find out more about Africa

Things you might like to try:-

- Handa places 7 fruits in her basket, can you count 7 items in a basket or bowl, can you arrange them in different ways, in 2 rows, 3 rows, in partners, is there 1 left? Take 1 away each time, how many are left? Which animal took which fruit?
- Collect different fruit and vegetables, which is the heaviest and lightest? Use weighing scales to measure them. Get your grown up to cut them in half, do they have seeds, skin, flesh?
- Handa`s friend is called Akeiyo. What are your friends called? Make a list of their names, pretend it`s a register, you could pretend to be back in Nursery!
- Draw a map of Handa`s journey, what did she pass as walked along, do you think she turned left or right? Look at other maps, atlases, check out Googlemaps, you might be able to zoom in on your home.
- African musicians make some really interesting music, they often use drums made from anything they can find. You could make music with different pots, pans, spoons, beaters, listen to the different types of sounds and rhythms you could make. Get your grown ups to help and other people in your house, you could make a band! Try making your own African drum  
<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/home-is-good/make-an-african-drum/>

Handa has another story you might like to search for called Handa`s Hen.

Don't forget you can follow any of the other links on our website to try different activities.

Have fun this week. Look after one another and stay safe

Love Mrs Boyes x

