

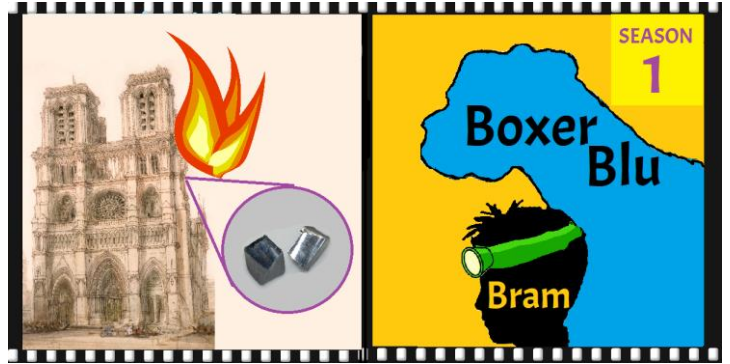
# Little News Ears

## Lesson Plan Suggestions

BoxerBlu & Bram – News for 4 Year-Olds

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Keywords: tent courts, drones, Saudi Arabia, Far Side, Greenshank



### Item #1 – “Inside Trump’s Immigration Tent Courts: Controversial System”

Authors: Adam Shaw

Source: Fox News

Link: <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/inside-trumps-immigration-tent-courts-asylum-backlog>

Activities – STEAM - Engineering – [Fantastic Activities for a Preschool Camping Theme](#)

### Item #2 – “What We Know About the Saudi Oil Attacks”

Authors: Rory Jones and Sune Engel Rasmussen

Source: Wall Street Journal

Link: <https://www.wsj.com/articles/what-we-know-about-the-saudi-oil-attacks-11568991017>

Activities – STEAM – Science – Climate Change and the Environment – Use a Drone to Learn about the Environment

1. Purchase an appropriate drone for the outdoor classroom, such as [Eachine E511](#)
2. Brainstorm with the students how a drone could be used to help people.
3. Follow the Environmental Education drone plan [here](#).

### Item #3 – Title: ‘Notre-Dame’s Toxic Fallout’

Author: Elian Peltier, James Glanz, Weiyi Cai and Jeremy White

Source: New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/09/14/world/europe/notre-dame-fire-lead.html>

Activities - Art – [25 Beautiful Stained Glass Crafts for Kids](#)

### Item #4 – ‘The Far Side Teases Its Return’

Author: George Gene Gustines

Source: New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/16/arts/the-far-side-gary-larson-comic.html>

Activities – Language Arts - Writing – How to Write Jokes Like Gary Larson

1. Choose a Few Far Side comics using a Google Image Search.
2. Read a few [jokes for 4 year olds](#).
3. Pick a Gary Larson cartoon without any text and with an animal or animals.

4. Ask the students to think of funny things that an animal might say, seeing the world 'through their eyes.'
5. Consider incorporating the Visible Thinking Strategy: [Circle of Viewpoints](#)
6. Have the students, in groups, try to think of something funny that the animal might say in the cartoon.

Item #5 - 'A Rare Greenshank is Spotted in Russia'

Author: Karen Weintraub

Source: New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/31/science/rare-bird-nordmann-greenshank-russia.html>

Activity – STEAM – Science – Zoology – [Our Feathered Friends: STEM Preschool Teaching Unit](#)