

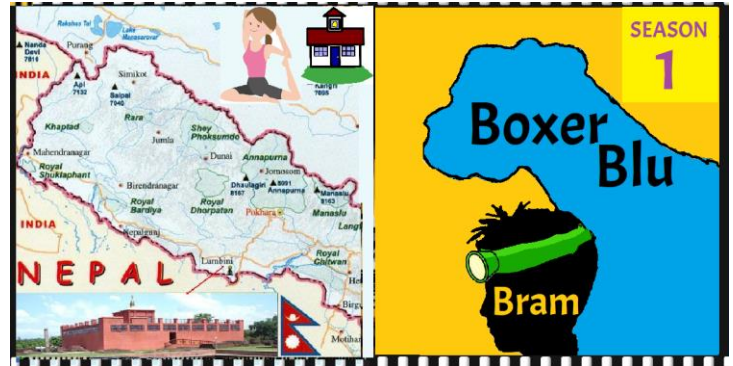
Little News Ears

Lesson Plan Suggestions

BoxerBlu & Bram – News for 4 Year-Olds

Season 1 – Episode 54 – March 17, 2020

Keywords: Mandatory yoga in Nepal, why birds are good engineers, Benefits of squatting



Item #1 – ‘Here I Can Be My Own Dictator’

Author: Andrew Higgins

Source: The New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/15/world/europe/russia-putin-far-east.html?auth=login-email&login=email>

Activities – The Arts – Visual Art [Make Russian Crafts](#)

Item #2 – Title: ‘Yoga is Now Mandatory for Students in Nepal’

Author: Kaelan Deese

Source: TheHill.com

Link: <https://thehill.com/policy/international/asia-pacific/487993-yoga-is-now-mandatory-for-students-in-nepal>

Activities – Physical Fitness – [Seasonal Kids Yoga Lesson Plans](#)

Item #3 – Title: ‘Why Birds are the Best Engineers’

Author: Siobhan Roberts

Source: New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/17/science/why-birds-are-the-worlds-best-engineers.html>

Activities – STEAM - Engineering [Make Like a Bird and Nest](#)

Item #4 – ‘Russia’s Top Court Approves Putin Reform Plan to Stay President Until 2036’

Author: AFP

Source: The Moscow Times

Link: <https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2020/03/16/russias-top-court-approves-putin-reform-plan-to-stay-president-until-2036-a69643>

Activity – Critical Thinking – Making Inferences about *The Emperor’s New Clothes*

1. Have the class become familiar with the [Project Zero Thinking Routine of See, Think, Wonder](#)
2. Read [The Emperor’s New Clothes](#)
3. Focus on the phenomenon of people not noticing that the king is naked.
4. Nudge the students toward inferring that the people in the story are *afraid* of speaking out.
5. Ask the students if they were ever afraid of speaking out.

6. Have the students role play in certain situations where people should speak out, such as: *Someone falls down and a person standing by should help the person get up. If someone sees someone not pick up someone like this, we should speak out.*

Item #5 - "Squat, Don't Sit: Study of African Tribe Shows Why One Position Is Healthier"

Author: Serena Gordon

Source: US News

Link: <https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2020-03-09/squat-dont-sit-study-of-african-tribe-shows-why-one-position-is-healthier>

Activity – Physical Fitness [6 Easy and Simple Exercises for Kids](#)