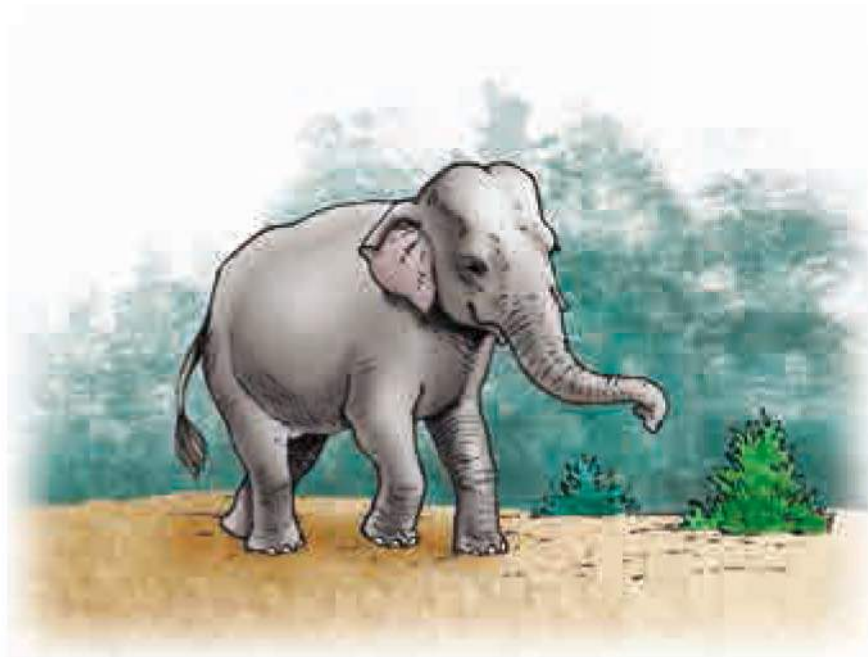


Chapter 3

A Day with *Nandu*



Nandu is a baby elephant. He was sleeping. He woke up suddenly. Where was he ? He was not sure. It seemed to him that he was surrounded by a forest of big grey tree trunks. He was nervous. Oh ! Mother was there only. The grey forest that he had imagined he was in, was actually the legs and trunks of his family members.



Nandu's Nani is the oldest in this herd of elephants. At noon, She trumpeted a loud sound and started moving towards the jungle. The other female elephants started to follow her. *Nandu* also went with them.



For the teacher : Mother's mother is called *Nani*. Ask children what they call their mother's mother.



Looking Around

The herd reached the jungle. All female elephants went to different places and started eating twigs and leaves of different trees. After eating they moved towards the river. The baby elephant enjoyed playing in water. *Nandu's* mother lay down in the water and mud.



Do you know that an adult elephant can eat more than 100 kilograms of leaves and twigs in one day ? Elephants do not rest very much. They sleep only two to four hours in a day. Elephants love to play with mud and water. The mud keeps their skin cool. Their big ears also work like fans. The elephants flap these to keep themselves cool.



Find out :

- *Nandu* is only three months old, but he weighs 200 kilograms. What is your weight ?

- How many children like you will add up to find out *Nandu's* weight ?



Fun and Games

Nandu saw his brothers and sisters pulling one another's tails. He thought, 'I better not go near them. What if they fall on me ? I am still small.' He quietly went and stood near his mother.

Mother gently pushed *Nandu* towards the water, as if she was telling him to go and play. *Nandu* loved to play in water. His cousins were already there. Just as he reached near, a strong fountain of water fell on his head. He got wet. Oh ! this was the work of his naughty cousins. *Nandu* joined them in the game.





Looking Around

Before sunset, the herd started back towards the jungle. By then, *Nandu* was very tired. He settled himself between his mother's front legs and fell asleep as he drank her milk.

You have read about *Nandu* and the elephant herd. A herd may have 10 to 12 female elephants and young ones. The oldest female is the leader of the herd. Male elephants live in the herd till they are 14-15 years old. Then they leave their herd and move around alone. *Nandu* will also leave his herd when he is that much old.

Like elephants some other animals also live together in groups. These groups of animals are called herds. Animals in herds usually move around together, searching for food.

- If you were *Nandu*, and you lived in a herd, what will you do ?

- In the elephant herd, the oldest female elephant decides everything. Who takes decisions in your family ?

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- *Nandu* did things that he liked to do. If you could spend a whole day with your friends, what all things would you do ?

- Find out and write, which other animals live in herds ?

- Do you also live in a group ? Do you like to live together like that ? Why would you like or not like to live in a group ?

Why I would like

Why I would not like





- Which animals did you ride on ? Write their names.

- If you are made to ride on the elephant, how would you feel ?

- You must have seen many animals around you - in books, in movies. Some may be alone, some in groups. Find out more about any one of these animals and write about it.





Think and Write :

Why does the egret sit on a buffalo ?



● Have you seen any animal riding on another animal ? Write its name.

● The animal which is riding.

● The animal which gives the ride.

● Which animals do we use for riding ?

● Which animals do we use for carrying loads and lifting weights ?



Make Your Own Elephant :

● Copy the drawing of the elephant given on the next page in a bigger size on a thick sheet of paper.

- Make a small cut where it says 'cut' (✂) in the picture. Be careful not to cut off the whole part.
- Fold along the dotted lines.
- Fold the part with [/////] pattern and push them underneath.
- Cut out the tail and stick it on.



Your elephant is ready.

- Colour and decorate it.
- Put up an exhibition in class of all the paper-elephants that you all have made.

