



Fun at Home Pick 'n' Mix Homework Sheet Nursery

Weekly Essentials

Reading Every Night

Having a love of reading at an early age is important and is an essential part of your child developing an understanding of books.

Nursery rhymes are a fun way to get them engaged – Can they fill in the missing words? Talk to them about rhyming words and how they sound the same.

Choose a different *book* daily and talk to your children about the pictures – what do they think the story is about? Where is the story set? Discuss the characters. What happens at the beginning, middle and end? Can they think of a different ending? Can they recall parts of the story?

Stories: - We have been looking at stories from the Julia Donaldson range so I'm sure if you ask your child about some of her stories then they will be able to tell you all about them. Some we have looked at include; Stickman, The Gruffalo, The Gruffalo's Child, Room on the Broom, Monkey Puzzle, Superworm and Night Monkey, Day Monkey.

Weekly Treats

We encourage you to choose one activity a week to explore with your child and upload it to Tapestry as Miss Brougham and Miss Hine would love to see what you are all up to. It is an unusual time and we want you to stay safe, look after one another and we look forward to seeing you all return to school, hopefully in the not too distant future.

Maths challenges:

There are lots of activities to support your child in developing their understanding of Number. You could talk about the numbers on a microwave, TV control, page numbers in a book etc. Ask them where else you could find numbers around the house. Can they count the amount of certain objects in the home – how many photos in the living room for example. How many sausages on their plate? There are lots of things around the house that they can count. Can they match a number to the quantity? Extend - If we took one away what would happen? Would the number get bigger or smaller? Enjoy counting in different ways – count steps, claps, jumps, objects, people.

Literacy and Phonics

The children have been practising recognising and writing their names. Forming letters correctly are hard so lots of independent colouring and drawing activities help them. Activities such as playdough or baking are great and lots of fun. There are simple playdough recipes online for you to use to make together. We have also been looking at phase 1 and phase 2 phonics. Phase 1 is all about focussing on the children's speaking and listening skills – what sounds can they hear around the house or outside in the garden? Phase 2 is more about the letters and the sounds that they make. There are lots of fabulous websites which have resources and games available for you and your child to explore.

Physical Development

Can children copy body movements such as drawing different shapes in the air and putting their hand in front, behind, to the side of their body? Practising using scissors helps to develop your child's finger strength which is important when they start writing. Using playdough and building different models of people/vehicles that help us also develops muscles in our hands and wrists. Lots of jumping, balancing and climbing is great to help us develop our balancing skills. We have loved following 'Cosmic Kids Yoga' on YouTube as well as dancing away to the music that we hear.

Expressive Arts and Design

There are lots of ways to encourage your child to develop their imagination, creativity and their ability to use media and materials including singing and dancing to music, making their own music with materials around the house (might get a little noisy), experimenting with colours and different textures. Drawing or painting pictures – thinking about what they want to create before they start. Most importantly – have some fun with it all.

Useful links for supporting your child's learning and development

Phonics Play are offering free access to their website. There are lots of games and resources which we use and play within the nursery.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk Username – march20 Password – home - Once you have access, focus on the phase 1 and phase 2 sections only.

Twinkl are also offering free access to their website. There are more resources than games on here but they have good PowerPoints if you do not have access to a printer. Twinkl have resources for literally every area of learning so feel free to have a good browse!

www.twinkl.co.uk/offer code – UKTWINKLHELPS

Mrs Mactivity are offering free resources and ideas

www.mrsmactivity.co.uk/free-resources-2/ just input your email address and they will send you some – look on their website too – EYFS

Cosmic Yoga – this is something which we take part in at nursery during the school week – fabulous for calming!

www.youtube.co.uk/user/CosmicKidsYoga

Go Noodle – Hundreds of dancing, strength and mindfulness videos as well as some that are just for fun

www.youtube.co.uk/user/GoNoodleGames/featured

Others -

Phonics Bloom – www.phonicsbloom.com

Letters and Sounds – www.letters-and-sounds.com

Cbeebies – Alphablocks – www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks

Teach your monster to read – FABULOUS RESOURCE! – www.teachyourmonstertoread.com

Vooks – Story books brought to life – www.vooks.com

Cbeebies – Numberblocks – www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks