

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for your continued support for our Nursery and our school during the school closure. This, and other parent information is available on the school website as well as Distance Learning ideas.

If you can, please read the stories 'The Bog Baby', 'The Gruffalo' and 'Dear Zoo' or watch them together on YouTube. Find out about all kinds of animals including wild animals, farm animals and pond animals with your child.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

Continue to develop relationships within your families, enabling the children to extend their play ideas. Please continue to encourage your children to talk about their home and community, as well as provide opportunities for your children to carry out small tasks around your home.

Communication and Language

As you spend more time at home continue to encourage your child to use more complex sentences, using talk to explain ideas about what's happening and what might happen next. Also ask lots of 'how' and 'why' questions for them to consider.

Physical Development

Take your children for walks and outside exercise or watch Joe Wicks daily PE lesson on YouTube which is lots of fun and you can join in!

Continue to practice using pencils, scissors and other one-handed tools with good control, and encourage children to form the letters of their name clearly using a Capital letter to start then lower case. There are pencil control worksheets on the Nursery Distance Learning page or other ones can be downloaded from Twinkl.

Literacy

When reading story books at home ask lots of questions and see if your child can predict how a story might end. Sing favourite Nursery rhymes and see what rhyming words are in books, stories and songs. We have learned the sounds 's, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, and o' so far and have practiced the sounds and action using Jolly phonics which you can also do at home.

Mathematics

Continue to practise recognising numbers, and how we can represent numbers in different ways. To understand the concept of sharing a group of objects, and solve simple number problems you can do at home for example counting apples in the fruit bowl or sharing out snacks. You can still watch Numberblocks CBeebies series to investigate numbers.

Understanding the World

Talk about pets and animals your child might know then discuss pond creatures with them and then farm animals. Encourage your child to think about different occupations. If you have a computer, laptop or Tablet at home support your child to access activities and games.

Expressive Arts & Design

Encourage your child's imaginative play through small world role play, creating their own simple story lines. Let them use colour mixing skills, painting and printing techniques mark make and draw. In construction and building activities support children to build with a purpose.

To support your child's learning and development this term, you could encourage him/her to manage small tasks and routines independently at home.

Websites that you may find useful:

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Early-Years.html>

<http://activityvillage.co.uk/farm-animals>

<https://www.jollylearning.co.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b08pgqt4/numberblocks-series-2-seven>

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