

HOME LEARNING: 2-3 YEARS

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Hi everyone!

This home learning newsletter has ideas for activities which follows our curriculum, Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). The activities have been selected carefully for your child's age range however you know your child best, so adapt it as necessary to achieve the best outcome.

If your child doesn't seem interested in an activity, don't be disheartened or assume they can not or won't do it. Leave it a while and try again or do something completely different. Most importantly, have fun with your child!

Communication and Language

When reading a book or looking at pictures, ask questions such as 'who's jumping/ running/ hiding'. These are all action words. Your child may understand this concept really well and start asking you questions!

Physical Development

In the garden, get a shallow tray or bucket and fill with water. Add some plastic measuring jugs and watering cans and encourage to water the flowers or even the grass! The aim of this activity is to show control in holding and using a jug, so if the weather is rubbish, you can do this activity in the bath!

Personal Social and Emotional

Roll a ball to your child and encourage them to roll it back. This is a cooperation activity and involves turn taking. Talk to your child about how it makes you feel when they roll it back to you. Make the distance between you longer to try and teach trust, that you are still playing the game and you're not going anywhere.

Reminder

Remember to teach your child to wash their hands regularly and for the recommended time of 20 seconds. Make it fun by singing with them and giving lots of praise and attention. Younger children may not like it at first, but they very quickly adjust, especially if you model washing your hands regularly.



Mathematics

On your daily walk, see if your child can search for stones, sticks and leaves. Take them home and explore their size and shape. Use descriptive words like 'big' and 'little'. You can also add them to sand and water play. Extend this activity by talking about weight, using words like 'light' and 'heavy'.

Understanding the World

In the garden, go on a bug hunt! Look for insects and creepy crawlies in plants, in the grass, under flower pots etc. Talk about where they live and how they get around. Use the internet or books to find out more information and ask your child what they think to some of their questions, so you explore together.

Literacy

At the time of writing, the weather is lovely and dry! If you have some chalks, make marks on the patio or brick wall. If not, use a paintbrush in water. Talk about the marks your child has drawn with description such as, 'that's a long line', or 'that mark goes round like a circle'. Try not to put pressure on your child by asking 'what's that?' as they probably don't know, they're just exploring with making marks

Expressive Arts and Design

Paint an egg box or any small box using different colours. Explore the colours and how they mix and change. If using an egg box, paint each section a different colour and on your daily walk, you can look for leaves and flowers to collect in those colours.

There is a list of free online home learning resources on our webpage along with lots of other useful links and information

Remember to take photos and upload them to your child's tapestry account, we can't wait to see what you have been up to at home!