

HOME LEARNING: PRESCHOOL

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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

Parents, here are some key tips to develop your child's speaking skills.

1. Model using words such as 'and' and 'because' to develop complex sentences e.g. **Parent:** *How are you feeling?* **Child:** *Sad* **Parent:** *Why?* **Child:** *Sister push me* **Parent:** *You are feeling sad because your sister pushed you.*
2. Expose your child to lots of new language through stories and speaking to them yourselves.

Physical Development

Fill a zip loc bag (or a normal sandwich bag closed with duct tape works well) with paint and encourage your child to copy letters using their finger on top of the bag (hand written by you, magnets etc) This is a great way to mark make without making a mess!

Personal Social and Emotional

Play a game of Simon Says! Can you follow directions? Once mummy or daddy have been in charge and you are familiar with the game, try taking charge and giving mummy and daddy instructions.

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

Expressive Arts and Design

Have a tea party with real food and toys. Encourage your child to do lots of counting. As an example, give yourself 5 biscuits and your child 2, encourage them to use the words 'more' and 'less' to describe how many you both have. Then ask them to find out how many biscuits you have all together. "I have 5 biscuits and you have 2, how many is that altogether?" Model the language and the addition process, pointing to each biscuit and counting carefully. "I had 5 and you had 2, when I added them together that made 7." Then hand out a different number of food items and encourage your child to have a go!



Literacy

Create an inviting reading den or corner in your house. You could include blankets, pillows, fairy lights and some cuddly toys. These toys could be called 'Reading Buddies' that really love to hear stories. This is a great way to encourage your child to recall stories because it gives them a purpose. Allow your children time to relax and enjoy a good book all by themselves. This should encourage your child to read for pleasure.

Understanding the World

Look in a mirror and draw yourself. Pay close attention to different colours and try to choose the correct colours. What is the same or different about you and your friends or family?

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!