

Helpful resources you can use at home

LITERACY

At home you could

- As the weather is getting better, take writing outside. Try using water and paintbrushes to write on fences or the floor. Use chalk on the floor. Use twigs to make letter shapes.
- Practice writing their name – we are almost there! Only use a capital letter for the first letter.
- Read books together. Talk about the pictures and what is happening in them. Again, take the books outside to read. Why not read at the park.
- Give your child a shopping list of pictures to help you with the supermarket shop.
- Sing songs and nursery rhymes.
- Listen out for words that rhyme i.e. cat, bat, mat or fox, socks, box

Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies>

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-1>

MATHS

At home you could

- Sing counting rhymes.
- Practice counting 1 – 10
- Ask your child to count objects (to 10) Encourage them to touch them as they count.
- Talk about shapes you see in your house.
- Talk about objects that are longer and shorter or heavier and lighter.
- Play with water or in the bath, use containers and talk about full, empty, nearly full etc. Which cup holds the most?
- Begin to use words now and next to say what you are doing.
- Begin to talk about where objects are – next to, in, under, on

Websites

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/>

Other activities

At home you could

- Practise doing zips and buttons.
- Play I spy but use colours instead of letters “I spy with my little eye, something coloured blue”
- Some children are ready to play I Spy with sounds. Please use the sound of the letter not its name. If you’re not sure, please ask.
<https://earlsmead.ng1.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=Phonics&pid=476>
- Help to write a card for a special occasion.
- Look at photographs of themselves and their family and talk about the occasion in them.
- Visit the park and practise climbing, jumping, balancing.
- Visit a pet shop, farm or zoo and talk about the animals they see.

Literacy

- Mark making using different materials – pens, pencils, crayons, paint, and begin to write letter shapes
- Sing rhymes and songs
- Begin to recognise rhyming words
- Looking at print – books, labels, signs etc. and realise it has meaning
- Looking at books, listen to stories and begin talking about them, on their own and with parents
- Write their own name
- Makes up stories in play

Phonics: Phase 1

- Sound discrimination – Alliteration – recognising words that begin with the same letter i.e. sun, snake, sock,

Communication and Language

- Games to encourage listening and concentration
- Share experiences, thoughts and feelings
- Talk about themselves and their families
- Begin to recognise and talk about their feelings
- Understand and follow simple instructions
- Ask and answer questions – who, what, when, how
- Learn and use new words

Books we are reading this half term:

- Dear Zoo
- The Very Noisy Jungle
- I Explore – Under the Sea
- Ten Friendly Fish
- Old McDonald Had a Farm



Nursery

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Personal, Social and Emotional

- Settling into nursery, learning and beginning to follow rules, routines, expectations and boundaries
- Ourselves and our family
- Talk about what we look like and what we like to do
- Make new friends
- Begin to develop independence

Physical Development

- Thread beads, use playdough, use scissors
- Catch, throw and kick a ball
- Know why we wash our hands

Mathematics

- Begin to recite, recognise and count objects to 5 and beyond
- Recognise and name 2D
- Use positional language to say where objects are – in, on, next to, under
- Compare objects – longer/shorter, heavier/lighter
- Create simple patterns
- Look for shapes, patterns and numbers in the environment.

Understanding the World

- Talking about our different families and what we do with them
- Environmental changes – Summer
- Growing plants
- Use technology safely
- Eid
- King's Coronation

Expressive Art and Design

- Painting, drawing and printing
- Using scissors
- Role play activities using small world, construction and home corner
- Make sounds using different objects
- Build with different materials