

# 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.
- 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
- Start recognising the sounds that words begin with. Use the letter sound rather than the name.

### 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 putting shoes on the right feet.
- 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.
- Play board games like Snakes and Ladders. Try let to let your child win every game!
- Practise catching, throwing and kicking.

## 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**

- Voice sounds – begin to recognise the sound words start with and that words are made of many sounds

## 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:

- Going on a Bear Hunt
- Aliens Love Underpants
- Whatever next!
- The Train Ride
- Anna's Amazing Multi-Coloured Glasses
- Maisie's Wonderful Weather Book



# Nursery

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## What's Out There?

### Personal, Social and Emotional

- Ourselves and our family
- Talk about what we look like and what we like to do
- Make new friends
- Ways to keep ourselves safe
- Recognise and talk about our feelings
- Practise skills of assertion, negotiation and compromise.

### Physical Development

- Thread beads, use playdough, use scissors
- Catch, throw and kick a ball
- Walk, run, jump, hop, climb safely

## Mathematics

- Begin to recite, recognise and count objects to 5 and beyond accurately
- 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
- Care for the environment
- Operate simple technology
- People who help us

### 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