

19th March 2020

Dear Parents

I am writing to thank you for your calm approach and support during this uncertain time in which we find ourselves.

Learning through play is key in the Early Years. The Early Years Framework states that 'each area of learning and development must be implemented through planned, purposeful play and through a mix of adult-led and child-initiated activity. Play is essential for children's development, building their confidence as they learn to explore, to think about problems, and relate to others. Children learn by leading their own play, and by taking part in play which is guided by adults'. As most learning is done through play it is hard to solely plan concrete activity sheets for you to complete. Therefore, once we have an electronic way of sending homework out you will find a variety of activities including written and practical, that link to various areas of the curriculum (like I set for the homework tasks).

As parents evening has been postponed I feel that it is important to list a few things that your child is expected to be able to do at this point in the year. Please start by working on these should your child not be competent in the following things:

- Writing their name.
- Recognise and write all phase 2 sounds.
- Write simple CVC words (such as cat, dog, mat) by themselves.
- Write a simple sentence such as 'The cat sat on the mat'.
- Hold a pencil correctly and form letters correctly.
- Be able to count to 20.
- Recognise, write and order numbers to 10.
- Know the names of all 2D and 3D shapes.
- Can recognise and create a repeating pattern.
- Can find one more and one less using objects.
- Can add two groups using objects and use the correct language.
- Able to dress themselves independently including zips and buttons!

Please also look at the attached copy of all of the Early Learning Goals, these are all of the statements your child is expected to do to meet their age related expectation at the end of reception. If your child is competent in the above statements then please look at these to see if there is anything you can look at as a family during this period of absence.

Below is also a generic list of websites and activities that you can use to help support your child to meet these goals.

1 - Read. Lots.

2 - Register with Oxford Owl to access free e-books to read on-line.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>



FREE eBook Library

3 - PhonicsPlay website to play free phonic games.

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

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4 - Teacher Your Monster to Read website to play phonic games (the website is free though there is a cost to download the app on tablets)

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>



5 - Topmarks website to access free phonics, reading and maths games and activities.

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



5 - Twinkl - a wide variety of printable resources for maths, literacy and phonics



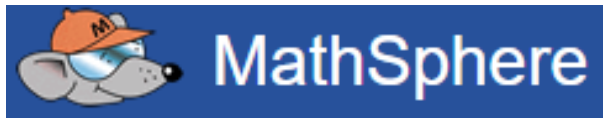
6 - Oxford Owl Kid's activities maths games

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



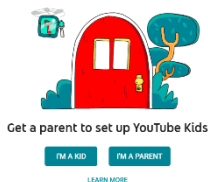
7 - MathSphere - for printable maths games and activities

<http://www.mathsphere.co.uk/resources/MathSphereSampleWorksheets.htm>



8 - youtube for children - parents can set children up on an account and subscribe to various things such as counting in 2s/5s/10s song, big numbers song (kids tv), number blocks, alpha blocks

<https://www.youtube.com/?hl=en-GB>



Please ensure you stay up to date with government guidance in order to help keep yourselves and your families safe. Where possible, get some fresh air and make sure your child gets lots of exercise and at the same time, be mindful of the amount of time your children spend on their phones and screens. It is proven not to be good for their mental health. Remember you all have access to learning book so please use this time to upload pictures, videos and notes of things that your child is doing at home. I can then link relevant **independent** learning to the different areas of the curriculum.

I shall keep you all in my thoughts and prayers and hope to see you all very soon.

Best wishes,

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