

Dear Parents,

It's important that you spend some time enjoying some of these activities with your child. It will reinforce the learning that is taking place at nursery and offer a variety of opportunities to enable you as parents to engage in your child's learning journey.

Focus books we are reading this half term:

The Hungry Caterpillar,
The Crunching, Munching Caterpillar,
Jack and the Beanstalk,
Jaspers Beanstalk
Farmer Duck

READ WITH YOUR CHILD EVERYDAY

Literacy

- Singing songs
- Explore sounds and music
- Use musical instruments to play a tune
- Identify familiar words in the environment
- Recognise name
- Practicing writing own name
- Free drawing activities.
- Practice writing letters / numbers/ shapes



Mathematics



- Play with jugs, cups and containers in the bath or basin of water – filling and emptying
- Complete puzzles
- Baking activities/ shopping /laying the table - Use mathematical language such as more, less, same when.
- Subitising activities (to see how many objects are in a small group without counting them) – Board games using a dice. Sort counters into groups – how many can you see without counting?
- Play dominoes
- Identify numbers in the environment

Personal, Social and Emotional development



- Help your child to understand emotions. Talk to them about how they feel. What makes you feel happy? sad? etc
- Talk about the importance of being kind, sharing and caring for others.
- Encourage your child to make choices
- Go to the park – set challenges

Communication and Language development

- Visit the library.
- Read daily, recall events.
- Ask who, what, where and when questions to encourage more complex answers and to ignite their imagination, e.g.
- Talk about what you are doing whilst you do it.
- Play hide and seek use prepositional language; under, over, behind etc



Physical Development

- Mark making activities using chalk, pencils, crayons, paint.
- Helping with dressing/undressing and care routines, enjoying the rituals established for hand washing and teeth cleaning.
- Please, ensure that your child practises putting on the coats, hat, scarf and uses the toilet independently.

Go to the park – climb, swing, run, roll

Cycle bike and Play ball games

Talk about road safety when walking and crossing the road



Understanding the World



- Show curiosity about people and show interest in stories about people, animals or objects that they are familiar with, or which fascinate them.
- Pretend play – imitating everyday actions and events from own family and cultural background, e.g. making and drinking tea, going to the barbers, being a cat or a dog.
- Talk about similarities and differences which connect and distinguish them from others.
- Plant seeds and care for them – talk about what you observe as they grow.

Expressive art and design

- Dance to different types of music
- Uses various construction materials, e.g. joining pieces, stacking vertically and horizontally, balancing, making enclosures and creating spaces.
- Whilst painting look at mixing colours – what colours can you make?
- Roleplay activities.



Please take some photographs of your child doing these activities and send them to us via EYLOG.

Have fun!