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Home Learning ideas

Dear Parents,

As well as our daily learning activities, here are some extra ideas of some activities you can do with your child if the school is closed or you are having to self-isolate which we sent out in the last lockdown. Please upload photos of work completed onto the **Tapestry app**. Any work uploaded on Tapestry enables us to keep up to date with what the children have been completing and we can also comment and give them some next steps to work on.

Remember children in the FSU follow a play-based curriculum so they are not expected to sit down and complete tasks all day. They need to take part in other open-ended and chosen activities. We have provided lots of examples below. Please limit screen time as much as possible as they would not have any at school!

We will also endeavor to post any other activity ideas or links through the school life app so keep an eye on the Early Years section of the website

Literacy

Writing

- Write a diary entry of what they do each day. This could be a picture with some labels or a caption underneath depending on their writing ability.
- Writing lists- ingredients used to make cakes, of what they can see out of the window, who is in their house etc
- Draw a picture and label it.
- Can your child think of their own story for you to write down? Or can they write it themselves?

Reading

- Share picture books at home every day. Bedtime is an obvious time to do this but mealtimes are also a good time to read stories to your children. Question children throughout the story to ensure they know what is happening. Can they predict what might happen at the end of the story? Ask them at the end who their favourite character is. Can they recall where the story is set and what happened?
- Practice sounds and special friends previously learnt in phonics.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk have some free phonics games the children can practise their reading skills with. Look for the phase 2 or phase 3 games.

Maths

- Lots of interactive maths games can be found at:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

- I am sure lots of you are familiar with the CBeebies show; Number Blocks. The website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks> has lots of fun and challenging games matched to the needs of our children.

Other activity ideas include:

- Go on a shape hunt around the house, find lots of objects and sort them into 2d and 3d shapes. Can they name all the different shapes?
- Playing board games with dice- can you child move the correct number of spaces? Can they recognise the number rolled from the dots without counting?
- Count upto 100
- Count backwards from 20
- Counting in 2s
- Practise number formation- can the children write the numbers 1-20 correctly?
- Find 3 books and put them in order of size. If you have duplo or lego blocks you could see how many blocks high each book is.

Physical development

Gross motor activities

- The Early Movers website has some good ideas and activities to keep children active:
- <https://www.earlymovers.org.uk/activities?skill-group=3>

other activities include:

- Throwing, catching and kicking a ball,
- Playing hopscotch
- Hopping, skipping and jumping practice
- Make an obstacle course and talk about the positional language involved; under, over through etc

Fine motor activities:

- Threading cheerios/ pasta onto a shoe lace/ string / wool
- Pegging on a washing line or piece of string - the children could peg up some of their work or some socks
- Puzzles
- Colouring
- Dot to dots
- Cutting and sticking from magazines. Free magazines from toy shops or supermarkets are great for this. Ask the children to make a wish list of things they would like.
- Playdoh is great for motor skills. The children can make all sorts of things with playdoh. See how imaginative they can be!

Here is a recipe you can make it at home:

250ml water
125g plain flour
1tbsp oil
2 tsp cream of tartar
140g salt

Put it all in a saucepan on a low heat and stir until it forms a dough

Communication and Language

- Just talking to your child is really valuable. What would they like to be when they are older? What is their favourite animal? What are their earliest memories?

- Tiny happy people is a website with activities and ideas for parents to help develop communication and language skills

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/3-to-4-year-old-child-development-activities>

Understanding of the World

- Draw a map of their bedroom or their route to school
- Draw a family tree
- Make cakes/biscuits and discuss how mixtures change when heated
- Plant some seeds. What do they need to make them grow?
- Ask the children to take a photo or make a short video on a phone or tablet to explain something they have done at home for parents to upload onto Tapestry.

Expressive Arts & Design

- Building imaginative models with lego/ duplo
- Observational drawing/ painting. Give the children a real object (for example, a flower, cuddly toy or a photo of someone) to copy. Encourage the children to look closely at the details and colours they can see.
- Dance to different types of music- see if the children can change how they move to pop and classical music
- Make a den
- Play imaginatively as doctors, teachers, vets, shops
- Junk modelling

Please feel free to email us at any point if you have any questions or need clarification about any of the activities above. We will try our best to get back to you as quickly as we can.

Kind regards

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