



Reception Spring Term Knowledge Organiser

Ideas to support your child at home

Our learning will be done through the theme of Strength



To support reading and writing -

- Try to read every day. Include a range of books including school library books, Little Wandle Books. Enjoy bedtime stories every night.
- Answer questions about the book and illustrations
- Retell traditional tales and stories you have read.
- Practice reading and writing your letter sounds
- Read and blend single letter sounds into words.
- Spot digraphs and trigraphs before blending the sounds in words and sentences. For example, shop or light.
- Practice reading the 'tricky words' (on yellow paper).
- Write labels and simple captions together. Pinch the sounds you can hear on your fingers before you write the words.
- Practice writing names with correct letter formation.

To support number -

- Recognise numerals 0 - 10.
- Count out sets of objects and arrange them on a 10 frame.
- Use number rhymes to find the parts of 5. For example, 5 speckled frogs – 3 on the log and 2 in the pool.
- Say number names in order to 10 and then 20. Try to do it from different starting points.
- Compare different quantities of objects using 'more than', 'fewer than' and 'the same as'.
- Find 1 more and 1 less than a number using objects and on a number track.
- Name and talk about the properties of 3D shapes cube, cone, pyramid, sphere and cuboid.
- Play games with dice and support instant recognition of the spot patterns without counting.

To support communication -

- Have fun making up your own stories.
- Use first, next and last when retelling stories.
- Ask why, when and how questions.
- Extend answers to questions using because to show understanding.
- Encourage good listening and taking turns in conversation
- Share books, rhymes and songs together.
- Turn off the television and pop your phone away for some quality talk time.

To support physical development –

- Practice using a knife and fork. You can practice with playdough sausages as well as with your food.
- Practice using scissors to cut straight and zigzag lines.
- Exercise fingers by putting each finger onto the thumb in turn.
- Practice different ways of moving when you are out and about – running, skipping, hopping, jumping. Include opportunities to climb and get out of breath.
- Learn to ride a bike – it is ok to have stabilisers.
- Practice catching a large, then smaller balls.

To support personal development -

- Encourage independence with everyday activities. For example, doing up coats, tidying toys away
- Talk about feelings and how they make you look and feel. Happy, sad, calm, angry, worried.
- Solve simple problems. What can we do to....? How can we work it out?
- Play turn taking games and support good sharing.



To support understanding of our world –

- Look closely at the world around you. Talk about growth and change in the natural world.
- Talk about winter and understand that spring will be next, then summer and autumn before winter comes again. Record what you see on photographs and videos.
- Observe changes when water freezes and melts.
- Celebrate Chinese New Year on 29th January.
- Take good care of books. Find out about why The Bible is a special book for Christians and why the Qur'an is special for Muslims.
- Explore your shadow on a sunny day and in front of lights. How is the light casting shadows?

To support creative development -

- Use your imagination to make up your own stories with small world toys.
- Take on the roles of characters from traditional tales using different voices. You could be a troll crossing over a bridge if you go over a bridge on a walk.
- Make your own character masks and story illustrations
- Mix paints to make them lighter or darker by adding white or black paint.
- Look closely at details in things and try to draw them.
- Learn some new songs.
- Make up your own dances to different types of music. You could watch a Chinese New Year Dance on You Tube.

Useful Websites

- bbc.co.uk/cbeebies
- Phonics Play free games or subscribe for the full site for £12 a year.
- ICTgames.com for literacy and maths games.
- topmarks.co.uk for great maths games
- phonicsbloom.com for phonics games
- www.oxfordowl.co.uk for online books.



We will send home further phonics cards, number cards and a number track to support learning.

Remember to complete Home Learning activities on Tapestry each week. New Home Learning is posted each Friday for completion on the following Friday.

Reading books need to be returned on Monday and library books on Friday.