



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We hope you are all keeping well during these unprecedented times. School is a very quiet place without the children!

It is really important to try to keep developing your child's learning whilst they are at home. Make sure that you check **EVERY DAY** to see what exciting activities have been sent for you and your child to do at home. Try to do some of these together and talk about what you have done.

Don't forget to read with your child for at least 15 minutes a day. Please encourage them to use their phonic skills to read independently, using a range of books to help them to develop their skills alongside a love of reading. **Please complete and sign the Reading Record every day.** Remember it is really important to talk to your child about what they have read to develop their comprehension. See how many different books you can read during this time.

Remember to keep practising your letter sounds and reading Red and Green words using Ruth Miskin's Read, Write Inc. Go to YouTube for daily practice with phonics – Set 1 we have already learnt at school and Set 2 which are new sounds for when we come back. Other phonics activities will be sent home for you and your child to access.

Minibeasts:

Why don't you go on a minibeast hunt in the garden? Draw what you find. How many different bugs did you find? How many legs did they have? Can you write a simple sentence to describe them? Can you find out about other bugs on the internet?



Stories to read:

'What the Ladybird Heard', 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'Norman the Slug with a Silly Shell' 'The Very Busy Spider', 'Superworm', 'Arghhh! Spider', 'The Snail and the Whale'. Can you find any other books about minibeasts? Lifecycles?



Useful Websites:

- ❖ www.phonicsplay.co.uk
- ❖ www.teachyourmonstertoread.com
- ❖ www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies
- ❖ www.oxfordowl.co.uk
- ❖ www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics_games
- ❖ www.readingeggs.co.uk
- ❖ www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/
- ❖ www.twinkl.co.uk
- ❖ YouTube – pure sounds with Ruth Mishkin
- ❖ www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years
- ❖ www.educationalappstore.com
- ❖ www.familylearning.org.uk
- ❖ www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary

We hope you keep yourself and your families safe and well during these strange times. We shall look forward to seeing you all back at school as soon as is possible.

Best Wishes from Mrs Feltham and the Early Years Team.