

What can I do to support my child's learning?

We know that it's been a difficult time for everyone and the challenge of home-schooling has not always been easy over the past few months. We are aware that children will be at different levels when we return to school. With this in mind we have some suggestions which may help over the summer;

Reading

- Reading with your child can have a huge impact on learning.
- Listening to your child read regularly this could be 5 or 10 minutes daily.
- Practising letters and sounds. The Oxford Owl website has a parents section with lots of good tips to help your child.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/learn-to-read-phonics/>

Maths

- Counting to 20, recognising numbers up to 20, practise writing numbers -this could be in sand, or with a paint brush or chalk outside, make it fun.
- Representing numbers in different ways eg counting out objects, drawing pictures/shapes, collecting sticks or leaves and matching quantities to numbers.
- Practising -number bonds pairs to 10 e.g $1+9=10$ $2+8=10$

Writing

- 'Real life' writing eg making shopping lists, menus, labels, writing notes and letters to family members.

- Exercises for fine motor control eg playdough, threading beads, painting and craft activities. Even helping hang the washing -using pegs is great!

Play time!

It is important to remember that children learn so much through play and exploration. Playing with your children and spending time with them in the garden, park or out on walks will also have a big impact on their progress. Chat to them about what they can see and hear or touch and encourage them to explore and investigate the world around them. Playing games where turn taking or sharing is needed is also very useful.