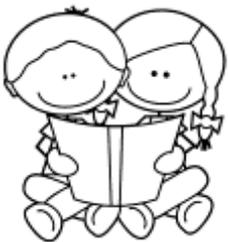


Explorers Home Learning

Ideas to support maths learning

- ✓ Count anything and everything! Practise accurate finger pointing as your child counts and finish by repeating the total – 'there are 8 shoes altogether' etc.
- ✓ Find written numerals around the house, can your child spot a 4 anywhere etc.
- ✓ Get out lots of pairs of socks and have a sock matching competition.
- ✓ Go on a shape search, how many different shapes can you spot around the house?

Ideas for early reading



Find a cosy place, snuggle up and enjoy lots of stories together –

- ✓ Chat about the pictures, characters and events.
- ✓ Enjoy adding sound effects and funny voices.
- ✓ Talk about the story so far and guess what might happen next.
- ✓ Discover new words and talk about what they mean.
- ✓ Make up new stories for the characters in the book.
- ✓ Spot letters found in your child's name in the text.

For lots more ideas and guidance visit - www.booktrust.org.uk

Ideas to support fine motor development

- ✓ Enjoy lots of colouring, painting and collage activities – there are lots of great ideas on the cbeebies website - www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/makes
- ✓ Help your child to use a dinner knife to cut up soft fruit for a snack. Encourage them to use a fork consistently during mealtimes and begin using a knife more effectively.

Helping your child to recognise and build their name

- ✓ Try writing your child's name on a large piece of paper and hiding it so they can find it, then cut it in half e.g. Li / sa and hide the two parts – can your child find the parts and put them together in the right order? Gradually work up to having all of the letters individually for your child to sequence. They could peg their name on the washing line, stick it on the fridge with blue-tac, make a sign for their bedroom door etc. The more experience they have sequencing the letters the easier it will be for them to recognise and begin to write.

As you help your child please use the letter names rather than sounds e.g. W – 'double you' rather than w – 'wuh' - we do this when learning names because they often cannot be sounded out.

We look forward to seeing you again soon, look after yourselves.
Miss Gander, Mrs Brace and Nursery Team