

Autumn Term 2012



Our topic in Larches and Poplars this term is "Where We Live" we have many lovely things planned for the children. You can support their learning by helping them notice and talk about what is around them in the home, places they visit and on journeys.

Here are a variety of activities that you can use as homework.

As you are travelling around the city you could:

- Point out different sorts of buildings and talk about them with your child. You may print of the sheet "Types of Building Observation" to help you.
- Help your child to recognise the differences between a bungalow, a semi-detached house, detached house, terraced house and flats. You can use the pictures on "Type of Home 1" & "Type of Home 2" to help you.
- Talk about the direction that you are travelling in, (forwards, backwards, left or right), and when your child is confident with this you could ask them to give you directions to familiar places. Try to encourage them to link 2 directions together eg 'forwards and then turn left'.
- Name rooms in the house and objects in those rooms. Chat about what they are used for,
- Find objects around the home made of metal, glass, wood, plastic and fabric. Feel and talk about the objects.

- Find objects that are: smooth or rough, dull or shiny, hard or soft, waterproof or absorbent, transparent or opaque, magnetic or non magnetic, flexible or rigid.
- Identify natural and man-made objects in the world around you.
- Talk with grandparents, or older relatives, about the differences between the things in their houses when they were young and those in houses today.
- Talk about what homes look like around the world. You could look at our "Homes around the world" pictures to help you.
- Explore places you know using Google Earth on the internet and talk about what you can see.
- Use empty cereal boxes, lego, sand, etc to build houses. Add train tracks, roads & cars to make a town.



If you would like to tell us about any of the exciting learning that you and your child have been doing we would love to hear about it. Please pop a note in the Home/School diary or send a photo!