



Reception Autumn Term Knowledge Organiser

Ideas to support your child at home

Our learning will be done through the theme of Belonging



To support reading and writing -

- Go on a listening walk and talk about what you can hear.
- Sing nursery rhymes and talk about the words that sound the same.
- Enjoy bedtime stories.
- Try to read every day. Include a range of books including those from school.
- Answer questions about the book and illustrations
- Have fun practicing 'oral blending'. For example, put your hands on your b-a ck. It may take some time before child can hear and blend the sounds but keep practicing together.
- Practice reading the letter sounds cards each week. Spot letters when you are out and about.
- Encourage your child to do mark making and talk about their independent pictures and writing.

To support communication and language –

- Take turns in conversations.
- Ask questions about stories that you share.
- Talk about events that have happened and make plans for things you are going to do.
- Talk about the meaning of new words and encourage your child to use new words.
- Make up stories in small world and role play.
- Talk to your child's class teacher if you have any worries about your child's speech and language.

To support number -

- Play dominoes and games with dice to support instant recognition of the spot patterns without counting.
- Arrange groups of objects in different ways up to 5. Recognise the amounts without counting. For example, biscuits on a plate. (subitising)
- Recognise numerals 1-4 which we will be learning about this half term.
- Count out sets of objects and arrange them on a 5 frame.
- Explore Numberblocks on Cbeebies.
- Say number names in order to 10 and then 20.
- Compare different quantities of objects using 'more than' 'less than' 'fewer' and 'the same as'.
- Practice reading number cards and subitising spot patterns in your maths pack. Order numbers and reinforce 1 more
- Count out sets to match the numbers.

To support physical development –

- Practice using a knife and fork.
- Do any activity that will help build up your child's fine motor strength. For example, using tweezers to pick up things, threading leaves onto skewers, using nuts and bolts, building with small construction kits.
- Experiment with different ways of moving. Running, jumping, hopping. Move in different directions and at different speeds.
- Practice riding a bike.
- Practice balancing on one leg for short periods.

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.
- Talk about 'belonging' to families, groups children attend, different faith groups Arden Forest. Reinforce which class and School Family your child belongs to.
- Play turn taking games and support good sharing.



To support understanding of our world -

- Talk about Autumn and understand that Winter will be next, then Spring and Summer before Autumn comes again. Record what you see in drawings, photographs and videos.
- Plants Spring bulbs ready for next year.
- Talk about jobs people do to help others.
- Look at photographs of your child as a baby and then a toddler. Talk about how they have changed and what they can do now that they couldn't as a baby.
- Talk about similarities and differences between members of your family.
- Find out about the festival of Diwali on 20th October.

To support creative development -

- Use your imagination to make up your own stories with small world toys.
- Take on roles with your child. For example, in a pretend shop
- Enjoy dancing to different types of music.
- Mix paints to create new colours.
- Look closely at faces and people. Encourage your child to add further details. For example, adding a body if your child draws arms and legs from their face.
- Learn some new songs.
- Stop and make pictures with natural objects when you are on a walk. Take a photo and then leave for someone to find.

Useful Websites

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



Your child will be sent home with a 5 frame and then a 10 frame to support their maths learning. Number and spot cards will be added each week into the blue maths pack.

Children will also have phonics cards and simple words in their phonics folder.

Library books will be changed weekly.

Phonics books will start after half term.