



Dear Nursery parents,

Here are some numeracy and literacy activities for you to do with your child at home. Try to do at least one of each a day as your child plays, helps you with chores around the house or as part of your daily walk/exercise.

Numeracy activities.

- Count out 5 or 10 pebbles out of a bucket containing a larger number of pebbles.
- Select the correct numeral to represent 1 to 5, then 1 to 10 objects.
- Go on a number hunt around the house... clocks, computers and dials on washing machines. etc...
- Recite numbers up to 10 or 20 eg when playing Hide and Seek.
- Recite counting rhymes and songs together eg. 1,2,3,4,5 Once I caught a fish alive.
- Count non-concrete things like steps, jumps and claps.
- Count buttons on a coat or cardigan.
- Play games e.g. What time is it Mr. Wolf?

*(Encourage your child to fasten the buttons as this is a good exercise to strengthen fingers for fine motor skills.)*



## Shape, space and measure activities

- Look for square objects in your house or garden.
- Use chalk or a stone to draw straight lines and squares. Talk about the sides being the same length and count the corners.
- Use lollipop sticks or felt-tipped pens to construct different sized squares. How many sticks do you need for 1 square?
- Use a brush and water to paint squares or straight lines outside
- Draw hopscotch with chalk and put numbers 1-10 in the squares.

There are lots of other activities to support your learning on Twinkl and Purple Mash.

## Literacy Activities

We will be learning the phase 1 sounds s,a,t,p,i,n over the next few weeks. This week we would introduce activities such as:

- Put objects on a tray beginning with a, ask your child to say the word and describe the object.
- Play I spy on your daily walk, look for” a” things.
- Write some letter a’s on small pieces of paper and hide around the room for your child to find.
- Use playdough, pastry or plasticene to make a shapes then let your child trace over it from top to bottom.
- Use chalks or pens to write a, always start at the top.
- Sing “ a a ants on my arm” (phonic songs on Letters and sounds website)



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- Show understanding of alliteration using some words beginning with a e.g. an amazing alligator at Aldi.
- Share stories and rhymes daily.
- See if your child can tell you when they hear a word with the a sound.
- Play games e.g. alphabet lotto, alphabet jigsaws and magnetic letters.
- Encourage your child to look at books independently and become aware of how a story is structured.
- Encourage your child to suggest how a story might end.
- Explore mark making with pens, crayons, chinks, paints. See if your child ascribes meaning to the marks they make.

### Creative Activity - What can you make with an apple?

Continue to take photos and make pictures for your 2020 Memory Boxes. Hope to see you all soon. Stay safe...and alert.

From Mrs. Charlesworth.



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