

Homework

Nursery will have no monitored homework this term, however, some children have said that they would like some things to practice. Occasionally we will send some activity sheets home, if children bring them back on Monday, after the weekend, they may get a Dojo or special sticker, depending on the task.

The best things for us to be doing at home at the moment are:

Sharing stories together

Practicing writing our names and letters

Recognising and writing numbers

Playing listening games

PE

To help refine our gross and fine motor skills, we will be doing PE on a Thursday as well as Tuesday this term. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school as soon as possible and ensure everything is labelled.

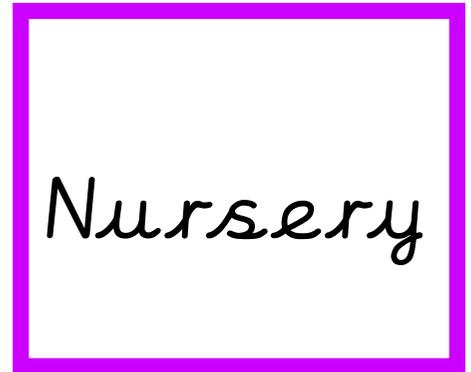
Activities to do at home....

In each newsletter we will include some ideas of activities to do with your children at home.

- 1) To enhance your child's listening skills in readiness for early phonic skills, hide various items in boxes in the house and see if they can guess what they are from the sound they make! Listen to sounds all around you from the dripping of the tap to the tweeting of the birds, it all helps children to focus their listening.
- 2) Play "silly rhymes" where you sing a nursery rhyme but swap some of the words around so it doesn't rhyme i.e. Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall, humpty Dumpty had a great ... hat! Encourage your child to spot the word that was wrong and have a giggle about how funny it sounds when it doesn't rhyme. Can you do it to other nursery rhymes? Can you think of any different words which rhyme with wall? Humpty Dumpty had a great ball for example.
- 3) Practice writing your child's name with sticks in the mud in the garden or in shaving foam on the bathroom tiles!
- 4) Get your child helping with counting everything in the house... from the apples when shopping to the socks when doing the washing. Every little bit makes a difference!
- 5) Have fun!



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**Learning Challenge Question:
Who Helps Us?**

Welcome Back!

Welcome back!

We hope that you have had a lovely Christmas break!

Thank you for the Records of Achievements that you have returned so far. If you have not yet returned your child's ROA, please ensure that they are back in school by the end of the week.

All children this half term will have the target of putting on and fastening their own coats as this really helps their independence, especially in this cold weather, this includes fastening their own zips, so please help them to achieve this at home.

Another target that we are now all working on is writing our own names independently, some children can already do this (well done!) but everyone will benefit from extra practise.



Who helps us?

Our learning challenge question this half term is Who Helps Us? We will be finding out who helps us in our everyday lives. The questions for each week are listed below, though the order of these may change depending on when our visitors are available.

1. Who helps us at school?
2. What do the police do?
3. Would a dentist use a wrench?
4. How do the fire service rescue people?
5. Where does the post come from?
6. What is an ambulance for?

We will be having a number of visitors coming into nursery including a police officer, a dentist, a fire officer, a postman and a paramedic (dependent on availability).

Our focus in Communication and Language is building the confidence to ask our visitors questions and be able to recall things that we have heard.

We will continue our daily focused phonics sessions which are proving very successful in supporting progress in phonics. In our writing we will continue to explore writing in a variety of media, securing an effective pencil grip and practicing writing letters. One of our writing tasks will be to write a letter and post it in the post box.

In our maths work we are working on recognising and writing numbers.



In our other areas of learning we will be making models using boxes, pots etc so if you have any spare cardboard boxes, plastic bottle tops, or box inserts, we would welcome them for our junk modelling.

We encourage our children to have as many multi-sensory experiences as possible. We regularly use rice, cornflour gloop, soapflakes, shaving foam etc. When the children access these activities they have to wear aprons, though they sometimes still get messy! We do try to ensure that everything we use washes out easily. If you have any of the above ingredients at home and would like to donate them to us, they are very welcome!



As the cold weather is well under way, we ask that all children have a warm coat on each day, and a hat, scarf and gloves as outside is open for much of the day. We would like to remind parents that children need wellies in school.

We currently have a number of jumpers and cardigans which have been left at school. Unfortunately these have no names in. We urge you to ensure that your child's name is in all items of clothing to make them easy to return, please check the lost property pegs in the cloakroom frequently for your child's things,

