



HOME LEARNING

Week beginning 15th June 2020

The following are some suggestions for activities you can complete, in the play context, with your child this week.

These activities will help your child to progress towards some of their early learning goals that we have set for them in this month's planning.

Each child is at different stages of their development in these areas, feel free to adapt these to suit your child's ability level!

Theme for June –

This month's theme is 'On the Move' – we will be learning about Summer Holidays and the move to Primary School or a new setting for some of our children.

On the Move –

- Talk to your child about the seaside, the kinds of activities you can do there and remind them of visits you have made there as a family
- Talk about the animals that live in the Ocean
- Think about travelling across oceans – by plane or boat – to go to far away places and have a look at a map – show your child the green parts that are countries and the blue parts that are the oceans/seas
- Talk about Pirates / Mermaids and read stories or watch films and TV shows about them

Counting Skills

The following are some ideas on how to develop Counting Skills. Some children will be working within 5, some within 10 – you can adapt these based on your child's readiness.

- Sing and say counting rhymes together – Five Little Ducks, One Two Three Four Five, Once I caught a fish alive, Five Little Monkeys, Five Little Speckled Frogs, This Old Man, Ten Green Bottles, Ten in the Bed, Five sizzling sausages. Search counting rhymes online for links to them!

- Play counting games – www.topmarks.co.uk have some great games for 2-5 year olds and they are tablet and phone friendly!
- Watch Numberblocks on Cbeebies / Find episodes on iplayer
- Count together – you can do actions like clapping, touching your knees or head or a combination of these
- Count a group of objects by touching them as you count – use sweets – count 5 for you and 5 for me...then eat them of course!
- Let them set the table, setting out the right amount of plates for everyone / cutlery / cups or glasses
- Search counting activities for pre-schoolers on pinterest for lots more ideas!

Please note –

It is not necessary for children at this age to be able to read or write numbers, they do, however, need lots of counting experience to be able to prepare them for Numeracy work in Year 1

Stories about the Seaside / Oceans / Counting

There are lots of stories available on these themes – look out for these titles online on youtube, Booktrust or Libraries NI or in online book shops –

Commotion in the Ocean
 The 'Rainbow Fish' series
 Mister Seahorse
 Ten Friendly Fish
 Clumsy Crab
 Tickly Octopus
 My friend Whale

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