



HOME LEARNING

Week beginning 20th April 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!

Throwing and Catching

- Throwing and catching with a variety of objects – balloons, soft toys, socks, different sized balls
- Begin with an object each, throwing it up and catching it before it touches the floor. Teach your child to have 'ready hands' and to watch the object as it is in the air to help them to know when to catch it
- Progress to throwing and catching with you or with a sibling – remind them to have 'ready hands' and praise all efforts!
- You could make it into a game – throw a ball into the recycling bin/clothes basket or see how many times we can throw and catch together before it touches the ground

Pencil grip – activities to help build shoulder strength and hand/eye coordination

- Popping bubbles using their 'Peter Pointer'
- Using tweezers to pick up pasta/peas/lego/any small object and transferring it from one bowl to another
- Painting the fence or wall – use real paintbrushes and WATER!!!!

- Using crayons, colouring pencils or chunky pens to draw or colour in a picture. Draw circles, straight lines, zig zags on a page and see if they can trace them or copy them – this activity can also be done in a shallow tray with flour / sugar / sand to write in using their peter pointer

Taking care of living things -

- Plant a seed (even from an apple or orange!) and look after it by watering it each day and making sure it has sunlight
- Help to look after the family pet – feed it and clean up after it!
- Water the grass or plants in the garden and talk about what living things need to grow

Developing attention and concentration skills

- Complete puzzles together
- Read short stories together
- Complete a project – build something from blocks, build a den, make something with packaging from the recycling
- Encourage your child to keep going until they finish activities and praise their persistence – ‘you are working really hard’, ‘you’ve kept going until you finished it!’, ‘that was hard work but you did it!’

Developing their awareness of size

- Talk about big/small, tall/short, wide/narrow and compare objects – during play, when out for a walk or playing outside and in picture books

Suggested Stories on our Farm Topic

[What the Ladybird heard](#) – Julia Donaldson

[Farmyard Hullabaloo](#) – Giles Andrews

[Dora’s Chicks](#) – Julie Sykes

[A squash and a squeeze](#) – Julia Donaldson

[Farmer Duck](#) – Martin Waddell

We are here if you have any queries! *Pamela*