



HOME LEARNING

Week beginning 4th May 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!

World Around Us

This month's theme is 'In the Garden' – we will be learning about plants, insects and animals we would find in the garden. Try to spend some time outside in the garden or in a nearby green space.

Talk to your child about the names of flowers that they may see in the garden.

- This week see if you can spot any spring flowers in your gardens or in the gardens of others. If you are video calling any friends or relatives ask them to show you flowers in their gardens.
- Talk about the name, colour and shape of flowers.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar(s!)

We have ordered some caterpillars, to allow the children to watch them grow and change into butterflies. I have them at home and will post pictures and videos online, on facebook or our website so the children can watch each stage of the cycle.

We want them to learn about life cycles, in an age appropriate way. The Very Hungry Caterpillar story is a good introduction to this – search it on YouTube if you don't have the story book at home.

Hopefully the children will understand the stages from egg to caterpillar, to chrysalis, to butterfly!

Pattern

- Look for patterns in their environment, inside and outside – talk about spotty, stripy, checked, flowery and any other patterns you see!
- Make and copy patterns together – finger painting, colouring in

Positional language

- **Talk about where objects are in terms of -**
in front, behind
above, below
in, on, under
- Demonstrate using toys e.g. teddy is *on* the table, *under* the bed etc.

Gross Motor Skills - Climbing

- Climbing really helps to develop core and shoulder strength, which is so important as a foundation for develop fine motor skills.
Try to give your child opportunities to climb and jump safely, on to safe surfaces, indoors and outdoors.

Creative activities

- Tulip printing flowers
 - Caterpillar handprints
- We will share photos on these on facebook and our website

Suggested Stories on 'In the Garden' theme (Search on youtube for read aloud formats)

The Very Hungry Caterpillar
The Bad Tempered Ladybird
Superworm
Slug needs a HUG!

We are here if you have any queries!

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