



## HOME LEARNING

### Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> 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 insects that they may see in the garden.

- This week see if you can spot any **insects** in your gardens or inside!
- Talk about the name, size, colour and features of the insects – do they have wings? how many legs? etc.
- Take a photograph of some insects using a tablet, camera phone or camera for them to show and describe to others
- Could you use some natural materials like twigs, logs, stones or leaves to make a little minibeast hotel in your garden?

#### **The Very Hungry Caterpillar(s)!**

Our caterpillars are growing well ! They will soon change into Chrysalides. I will continue to post pictures and videos online, on facebook or our website so the children can watch each stage of the cycle.

Hopefully the children will see and understand the stages as the caterpillars change, from egg to caterpillar, to chrysalis, to butterfly!

#### **Numeracy - SORTING**

- Sort toys into groups according to colour – e.g. make a pile of red, yellow, blue, green. Use lego / blocks or other toys. Introduce other colours too.
- Talk about **same** and **different**.

- Which group has **more**?
- Which group is the **smallest**?

### **Developing Self Confidence and Independence**

- Allow your child to open their own drinks or packaging of snacks – this will help for snack and lunch times at school.
- Encourage them to keep going at a task until they complete it and make sure to praise both their efforts and the finished outcome.
- When they ask for help encourage them to have a go but be there to support them!

### **Gross Motor Skills - Balance**

- Try to give your child opportunities to climb and walk along objects safely, encourage them to go slowly at first, taking careful steps and using their arms to help to balance them.

### **Creative activities**

- Use natural materials in your creative activities – paint using sticks, making insects using flowers/stones/twigs/leaves.
- Make pebble insects – paint or colour in using felt tips, to make a pebble look like a ladybird or a bumble bee!
- Let your child paint your fence or wall outside ... using real paint brushes and WATER!

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

Mad about Minibeasts – Giles Andreae

Twist and Hop Minibeast Bop

The Crunching Munching Caterpillar

Ten Little Ladybugs

Look out for stories read by our staff on our facebook page too. Visit LibrariesNI website or social media pages.

We are here if you have any queries!

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