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EYFS Curriculum Newsletter - Summer Term - April 2020

Thank you for your fantastic support and effort during this uncertain and difficult time for everyone including the children. We hope that the home learning via the website and school blog is supporting you to help your children at home. Please remember that the email address EYFS@greatgaddesden.herts.sch.uk is available for you to ask any queries and to share work that your child has done at home.

Whilst at home, it would be really beneficial to remind children of the school rules which could also be of help to you whilst home schooling. A good opportunity to discuss these is when reading stories (where relevant) and when dealing with sibling conflicts.

- Be Kind (in particular - kind words and kind hands)
- Be safe.

We will be uploading weekly home learning so please make sure to check the website regularly. We will send some activities linked to a specific topic and then also some suggested activities to cover all 7 areas of learning.

Personal, Social and Emotional development

We will be developing the children's Personal, Social and Emotional skills through activities and opportunities, which focus on developing the children's turns taking skills and building their self confidence. We will support the children to negotiate and model strategies they can use to solve problems or conflicts independently.

Communication and Language + Literacy

Giving the children opportunities to use their phonic knowledge daily is key to retaining their confidence. Using the phonics games for phase 2 and 3 on twinkl and phonics play is a good way to make it fun.

For Nursery children there are lots of phase 1 phonics games to play as well.

We would like the children to look at Growing. There are a range of books we will suggest in the weekly home learning, most of which can be accessed from you tube. The children can sequence the story, act the story out, use puppets to tell the story and make their own story maps and invent their own stories. A few ideas to support their learning in this area.

Please ensure you read with your child every day.



A reminder that the Oxford Owl website is a fantastic resource. Here is the link <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>. You can create a parent log in and there is a fantastic ebook library. Once you're in you will need to select the ebook tab at the top and then the 'ebooks' button underneath where it says ebook library. You can select the correct age group and there are plenty of great books. We would suggest starting at the 'kipper's diary' book as some of the others before that are just picture books.

This is also a good link to some reading activities. We suggest 2 a day. https://cdn.oxfordowl.co.uk/2020/03/25/12/12/55/1a5fba52-4af4-4008-9fcf-56517ab25cb7/RWI_OnlineDitties.pdf

Physical Development

In our weekly home learning ideas the purple squares are all ideas to develop the children's fine motor skills. This is what the children did first thing in the morning. These are ideas that don't need many resources or can be easily adapted to use something else you may have at home. If you haven't already ask the children to teach you how to do 'Disco Dough' and be teachers!

These activities will help to develop the children's pencil and scissor grip and control as well as their letter formation.

We are hoping that all the children have been able to get outside whilst the weather has been kind to us. Practising riding a bike without stabilisers could be a good challenge! For those children (and parents!) finding Joe Wickes slightly hard going, Cbeebies Andy's Wild Workouts are much more easy going and more appropriate to EYFS <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M5oYSMCZtX8>. For the dancers out there Oti Mabose is teaching children's dance routines on you tube as well.



Maths

The White Rose scheme which is what we follow at school have produced some home learning ideas to consolidate things we have been doing in class. It would be a good idea to follow these sequences if possible as they provide a range of activities covering lots of areas of mathematics and use books you may have at home and the children will be familiar with

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/early-years/>

It will also remind the children of the language and reasoning skills we have been practising last term.

Understanding the World

We would like the children to look out for the signs of Spring on daily walks, plant seeds and watching them grow (if they are able to), noticing similarities and differences in the world around them.

Expressive Art and Design

Enabling the children to experiment with different materials and learn new techniques to create imaginative art, providing them with ideas to plan and adapt their work is something you are able to do at home. Have a disco with your children and challenge them to make a routine to their favourite song.