

Home learning prompts.

We understand that teaching from home may be difficult at times. Here are some prompts to help support you and your child.

Having the opportunity to learn through play is important for all children, hopefully they will have lots of opportunity to do this. Here are some open ended questions to ask during play to encourage that learning.

How can we....?

What would happen if....?

I wonder if...?

How does that work?

What do you think will happen next?

Is there another way to do this?

Why does it...?

Tell me about....?

What does it sound like?

How does it feel?

What can you hear?

What can you see?

Maths

Provide lots of opportunity for counting. Remember careful and accurate counting. You can count lots of different things, even jumps, claps or how many door knobs on the cupboards in the kitchen!

Finding the corresponding numeral to match the quantity. Continue to do lots of work on recognising numerals. You can do this by writing them down on pieces of card and hiding them around the home to find.

Subitising. Draw an amount of spots (1-5) onto card or paper plates in different arrangements. See if your child can recognise how many there are without counting. Can they recognise what 2 looks like or what 3 looks like without counting the amount?

Collecting a given number of items from a larger group. Give me 4 pens, 5 grapes, 3 socks etc.

More and Fewer. Can they tell you what group has more and what group has fewer items? You could do this with two plates and some fruit. Or whatever you can find around the home and split into two separate groups.

Ordering and sorting. Encourage your child to sort and order different items. You may sort out the pens into colour groups, sort coins into silver coins and copper coins, help pair up socks, or putting books into size order as a few examples.

Shapes Practice recognising shapes, counting how many sides they have and spotting different shapes in the environment. Eg. Can you find me something that is a circle shape?

Number blocks is a great programme to watch, teaching the children all about number. You can find this on BBC iPlayer.

Also keep playing on the **Numbots** app for even number practice!

Number formation it is also great to practice writing your numbers with the correct number formation. You can use pencils, pens, felt tips and even paint to practice formation.

Literacy.

Read, Read, Read! It is very important that you are trying to read every day with your child. For children that are segmenting but not yet blending, lots of positive modelling. When they segment a word c-a-t, praise them and then repeat it a couple of times before blending it for them. The more they hear words being segmented and blended the quicker they will learn how to do it.

Listen to a story. Again it is beneficial that your child is not only reading every day, but also being read to. Listening to a wide variety of stories. We have a collection of stories being read on Youtube by our lovely Chawson teachers that you can watch. There are also many other stories that you can listen to online and on Youtube. The CBBC website have some lovely stories too. Can your child then talk about the story, explain what happened and what the story was about?

Don't forget the J2e app to practice spellings too!

Writing. To make writing more accessible for your children, begin by practising identifying and writing down the initial sounds in words at first. Can you hear the first sound and write it down?

Then you can see what other sounds you can hear in CVC words like cat, mug, dig, bug, mat, sun, etc. again the more modelling of segmenting and blending the CVC words the better!

Keep practising writing your name and correct letter formation.

And anything else to get those finger muscles working like bead threading, cutting, playdough, colouring in, tracing lines and pictures, Lego and other construction etc.

Phonics Keep practising those sounds! We practice by doing a daily dash (you can make your own flash cards with each sound on to practice). Mr Thorne on Youtube along with Geraldene giraffe provides some great videos to practice your phonics alongside!

We have also been learning phase 2 tricky words and then developing onto phase 3. Can you go on a tricky word hunt and find all the words hidden around your home. Can you practice writing them? Can you spot the tricky words in the books you are reading?

We really hope this helps a little or at least gives you some ideas that you can use.

Have fun and enjoy.