

Reading, Songs and Rhymes

Please ensure you are singing, reciting rhymes, reading and listening to stories every day. Please set aside some time each day to share a book and sing nursery rhymes together. Don't worry if you're reading the same book again or always singing the same rhyme as repetition is key at this age. Promoting your child to have a real love of rhyme and stories will really help them with their Language and Literacy development.

Maths

It is key that your child continues to be exposed to number daily in a playful way. See if you can encourage your child to count to 10 and then 20 confidently aloud. Here are a few ideas of maths activities that can be done daily/regularly.

- **Number songs** - please continue to sing number songs such as 5 little speckled frogs, 5 little monkeys & ten green bottles. Youtube is great. Why not use toys as props for these songs, then you can take the toys away as you count down.
- **Chanting to 10 and then 20** – in different voices. Can you count to 20 in a quiet voice? Loud voice? Scary voice? Squeaky voice?
- **Counting with actions** – Can you do 10 jumps? 7 hops? 12 claps? Can you start small and grow to 10?
- **Playing games** – Dice and board games are great at encouraging your child to count how many spaces to move a counter across. Other favourite games that involve counting aloud are hide and seek and what time is it Mr Wolf!
- **Numberblocks** – All the numberblocks episodes can be found on Cbeebies. They are great for introducing your child to a range of mathematical concepts and are great at helping your child recognise and understand numbers.

Physical Development

Remember to stay active every day and do lots of moving. Remember to also continue to develop your child's fine motor control by doing lots of manipulating objects and materials with their fingers. This does not mean doing lots of writing but could mean playing with playdough,

making models with lego, cleaning windows, chalking outside and doing some baking. Make it as fun as you can and remember to post how your child is keeping their fingers busy on Tapestry.

Useful links

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks> (Numberblocks is highly recommended by Early Years maths specialists.)

<https://www.youtube.com/user/KidsTV123> There are some great educational songs on this page. The children will be familiar with lots of these as we often use them in nursery.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga> A great way to get children moving even when having to isolate in the house.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-IfzeG1aC4> This is 'dough disco' which is a great video for practising fine motor skills using playdough.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/barefootbooks> Great songs

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SingingHandsUK> - We use singing hands all the time to sing our nursery rhymes. We love using the 'It's time to sing playlists' <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjT4XhijakZjU-NjgaHrJGAwzIqYYYbKk> Why not see what rhymes your child can sing along to. Wind the bobbin up is a firm favourite.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvhbTxNHgJZh7TWfVCHDgUTa0xagrvzq8> – A link for great story books read aloud.

Please let me know if you would like any advice with anything specifically and remember to check on Tapestry for weekly challenges related to the learning that week.

Please look after yourself,

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