

As we begin our home learning adventure, some children may benefit from replicating some (or all) of our school routines at home. With this in mind, here is an overview of our day and some ideas of how you could replicate at home...

8.45-9.00 - children come into class and complete table activities. This could be drawing, doing a puzzle, looking at a picture book or threading small beads onto pipe cleaners.

9am register - You could create a class of teddies and make a register to use each morning and afternoon! We often have a chat about the day ahead - what we're going to do and the activities I would like the children to complete.

9.05- 9.35 - Letters and Sounds - I have given you some phonic ideas in your pack. Please also take a look at the BBC Alphablocks website. Examples of activities might be going on a sound hunt, practising our 'Tricky words', writing and practising our letter formation.

After Letters and Sounds, you could try a '5-a-day' fitness dance. There are some free ones available at '5-a-day TV' online.

9.35-9.45 Milk and fruit time

9.40 - 11.45 (10.45-11.00 outside playtime - fruit and drinks)

The rest of our morning is spent in free-flow activities where the children direct their own learning according to their interests. Playing is learning! We would generally ask them to come and complete a 20-30 minute guided task with an adult during that time. Look in your pack for ideas. These activities are usually linked to English and Maths activities. We might also share a book or practise their numbers and sentence structure during this time.

10.30-10.45 Worship - For worship, you might like to light a candle and have a few minutes peace, say a prayer together or sing a song - 'Our God is a great big God', 'All things Bright and Beautiful and 'From the Tiny Ant' are some of our favourites.

11.45 - tidy up! You could play the tidy up song (Tidy Up Rhumba) for added enjoyment - look on You Tube.

11.45-12.00 story time

12.00-1.15 lunch and outside play

1.15pm register

1.15 -2.30 free-flow - see the morning.

During the afternoon sessions we usually complete activities linked to Science, History, Geography, ICT, PE and Forest Schools. You might like to make a weather board - you can download one from Twinkl or make your own. (Twinkl have made their resources free during this time.)

2.30pm outside playtime

2.45 - 3.00 Circle time - An opportunity to talk and have some quiet time or create some music and have a time to be loud and express yourselves!

3.00- 3.15 Story time - share a picture book, sing nursery rhymes, do the weather board.

You absolutely don't have to follow this routine, but if it helps to keep some normality then please feel free to do as much or as little as you choose! I would also recommend screen time to be limited to approximately 15 minutes a day.

Have fun and stay safe - I hope we are back to normal and in school again soon.

Best wishes,
Mrs Twigg

Links:

App Store

Teach Your Monster to Read: Phonics & Reading Game

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks>

Twinkl:

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/sign-in>

Tidy up song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dhw6JDF4A0Q>

5-a-day:

<https://www.5-a-day.tv/>

These links are of course optional not essential.