

As we begin our time for learning at home I thought I would send some information about what we have been doing in school.

English;

Reading ; Children at this stage of their learning benefit from;

reading alone, reading out loud, reading to someone else. Spending time discussing what has been read.

Activities can include;

Finding “contractions” in the text.

Finding adjectives, nouns and verbs.

Discussing the meaning of new words.

Recalling and recording information from non-fiction texts.

Writing;

The children are all progressing well with stamina writing which is an important skill at this age. It is good for children to copy from books. A few are beginning to join their letters, if they are confident let them carry on but some are not secure and are joining their letters in the wrong place. I will find some handwriting activities for you to use.

The children are really creative and love to write stories. Encourage them to think about the plot, the characters, the setting. Keep them simple using good punctuation .

I will send some specific activities to support the Grammar and Punctuation.

Any writing is great—using non-fiction books is great.

Maths;

Everyday maths such as counting games are great. 1 more-1 less/ 10 more 10 less

2,5 and 10 times tables

Shapes and patterns

Addition and subtraction

I will send further activities as times progresses.

Science;

We have been finding out about different materials and using various materials to create models.

This time of year is the time of new life and learning about life cycles. If they are able to be outside for short times encourage children to watch the changes in the countryside.

There are lots of lovely clips on BBC Bitesize which we use in school and which are readily available at home.

History;

We were focusing on famous people and had met Florence Nightingale; There are some lovely “ Magic Grandad clips where he goes back to visit such things as the fire of London and Louis Braille. If you search for “Magic Grandad” you will find.

Geography;

We have been learning about the countries in the UK and the capital cities. It would be good to find out about Herefordshire as a rural county .

There is a lovely live cam on the Edinburgh zoo website. A nice activity would be to identify the animals and find out where, in the world, they come from.

There is a lot about the world at the moment on the news and anything about continents, countries, seas etc would be interesting. All the David Attenborough programmes are lovely and a good stimulus for work— children can choose one aspect of the programme and create pictures and fact files with bullet points.

Art and DT;

The children have been studying the work of William Morris which opens up a wonderful world of pattern and colour. With Spring arriving it is a lovely time for observational drawing and colouring. It is also a great time for creating collage using natural objects. If you have lots of boxes and wrappings from online shopping let the children be creative with junk modelling.

Children love playing with playdough and you will find recipes on line.

Any form of construction activity is hugely beneficial for children’s development.

As I’m sure you have all found there are lots of web sites for PE, Yoga and all sorts of other things.