



## Home Learning Activities for Nursery & Reception

### Reception

Your child has a Mathletics account - their log in (username and password) is in their reading diary.

#### **Reading**

Please read with your child every day for at least 10 minutes - in addition, please spend some time reading to your child. Please use their diary to practise sounds and their word wallet for their tricky words.

#### **Writing**

Writing should be purposeful and meaningful. Activities could include:

- Write labels or signs for models they make.
- Help to write the shopping lists.
- Write cards and letters (teachers will love a nice letter/postcard to read when we are back at school!).
- Write certificates for their soft toys.
- Design menus for breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- Have a go at writing short stories, diaries and poems (your child has been learning poems at school which they could have a go at writing - these poems are available on the Nursery and Reception year group pages on the school website:

<https://www.fernhill.kingston.sch.uk/nursery>

<https://www.fernhill.kingston.sch.uk/reception>

Please remember that words do not need to be spelt correctly and they should be phonetically plausible. Children should be encouraged to use their phonic knowledge by listening out for single sounds, digraphs, trigraphs and tricky words.

#### **Numbers**

Number learning should be practical and hands on. Please support your child in counting to 20 and back (this can be done in 2s, 5s and 10s if they are ready). Try playing Maths games that support children in understanding one more/one less/two more/two less and basic addition and subtraction (Twinkl have lovely roll the dice and add/subtract games).

Activities could include:

- Use rhymes, songs and stories involving counting on and counting back in ones, twos, fives and tens.
- Make number games readily available and teaching your child how to play them. Cards, dice and dominoes all show the pattern of numbers.
- Play games such as hide and seek that involve counting.
- Help your child to look for number doubles. For example, five fingers on each hand and two rows of three eggs in the box make six eggs altogether.

### **Shape, Space and Measure**

Learning around shape, space and measure should be taught practically. The use of mathematical language and vocabulary is very important. Activities could include:

- Make cakes (talking about measurements)
- Discuss routines of the day.
- Sing songs about days of the week and months of the year.
- Use appropriate vocabulary: short/shorter/shortest; long/longer/longest; heavy/heavier/heaviest etc.
- Use everyday language to talk about money, e.g. set up a little shop and act out through role play.
- Discuss 2D & 3D shapes and talk about their properties. You can find shape songs on YouTube or play 'shape bingo'.

### **In addition to all the above, you could:**

- play board games
- learn a poem
- sing songs
- make a den
- cook together
- build a lego house/castle/dinosaur etc.
- make an instrument
- dance/exercise
- draw/paint/craft
- learn a new skill

### **Here are some fun websites:**

**BBC iPlayer** – for episodes of **Alphablocks** and **Numberblocks**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnn/numberblocks>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b01cz0p1/alphablocks>

**CBeebies website** – <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies>

**GoNoodle** – <https://www.gonoodle.com/> Fantastic dance routines to copy – we love these!

We hope you find your home schooling experience as enjoyable as possible. Make sure you build in lots of breaks (have a look at the 'Brain Breaks' for children on YouTube, e.g. Jack Hartmann & Cosmic Yoga) and time limits (for the parents just as much as the children!).

Best wishes,

The EYFS Team ☺