



Wonderful Wednesday 3/6/20

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Nursery team hope that you and your children are safe and well. Here are some ideas and suggestions for a great day with your child. Choose your favourite 3 or do more and if you can, take some photos to share.

What's my name? (suggested time 10-15 minutes max)

- Write your child's name onto a piece of paper using a highlighter or light coloured marker.
- Ask your child to trace over the letters of their name using a pencil or pen.
- Remember to use a capital letter to begin their name and use lower case letters for the rest of their name.



Wake and Shake! (Suggested time 10 minutes max)



- Let's do some exercise!!!
- Do 10 star jumps!
- Hop on each foot 10 times.
- Run on the spot and count to 10.
- Dance with your child to a favourite song, play 'musical statues'.

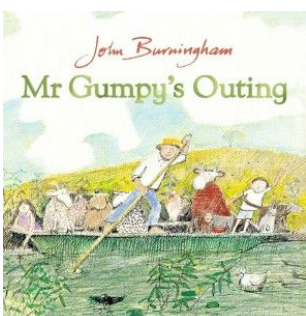
Dance together then stop the music - see who will be the first person to stand still.

Listening Walk! (Suggested time 10 minutes max)

- Go for a Listening Walk in your garden or during your daily walk outside.
- Remind your child what we need to do to be good listeners is to keep quiet, have ears and eyes ready).
- Sit/walk quietly and listen to the sounds around you.
- Talk about the different sounds your child can hear.
- Are they loud or quiet sounds? What do you think is making that sound? Can you see it?
- Make a list or draw a picture of all the sounds they heard.



Literacy (Suggested time 15 minutes)



- This term our topic is about 'Journeys'
- Look at the story, 'Mr Gumpy's Outing.'
- <http://www.lovelybooks.co.uk/mr-gumpys-outing>
- After listening to the story, talk with your child about what happened in the story.
 - What happened in the story? What did Mr Gumpy use to go for his outing? Who got into the boat? What happened at the end of the story?



Snack/Lunch (15 minutes)

- Let's make a fruit salad!
- Choose a selection of fruits to put into your fruit salad such as bananas, oranges, apples, berries, grapes, melon etc. .
- With help/supervision, support your child to cut the fruit up into small pieces
- Add all the fruit into a bowl and mix together.
- Ask your child to name the fruits used.
- Enjoy the fruit salad - you could add some youghurt or cream!!



Playtime



- Washing toys.
- Fill a container with water and soapy water.
- Provide your child with some sponges, cloths and brushes.
- Fill the container with any hard toys such as cars, blocks, plastic fruit that you may have in the house.
- Let your children wash the toys.
- Add some coloured soap or water to make it more fun!!!!

Topic Activity (15 minutes)

- Use masking tape to make a road on the carpet or floor. You could also use chalk to draw on the ground outside.
- Give your child a toy car to drive along the road.
- Give instructions for your child to follow to move the car. Eg. move the car forwards/ backwards.
- You could add features such as other toys, pictures etc then give instructions to turn at the teddy bear etc.
- You could teach about left and right and then also give these instructions.



Storytime

- Make a puppet theatre with your child from a cardboard box and make lolly stick puppets, cut out of comics or pictures from websites or toys to help them make up new stories.
- Can you retell your favourite story?
- What characters did you use for your story?
- What happened in the story?



Apps you Might Like to Explore with Your Child



CBeebies Storytime is filled with free interactive story books and bedtime stories for young children and is a great way to enjoy reading with your little one. The library is always growing, with amazing stories featuring all the CBeebies' favourites.

CBeebies Playtime Island contains a wide range of fun and educational games to help children understand the world around them and support the development of core skills. Children can play along with all of CBeebies' most popular characters.



Lingumi provides a course focused on spoken and communicative English. The app provides sets of learning games, speech recognition games and video-based games to help the child grow their grammar and get them speaking their first words.

Kaligo is a digital handwriting exercise book designed to teach children how to write using a stylus and tablet, built on an AI machine learning platform. A self-paced approach enables children to progress at their own speed according to their own ability, whilst AI Machine learning provides real-time corrective feedback.



Fonetti is a Listening Bookshop™ that provides young children with a patient, comforting listening ear to help in the learning-to-read journey, but also with the added benefit of tracking progress, identifying reading challenges, and highlighting to their adult carers where the most support is needed.

[Phonics websites that you can access](#)

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/#https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>