

Foxmoor Early Years

Dear Parents,

We have created a list of ideas and resources for you to use over the time that your child will be at home. With young children it is important to learn through playful activities which are fun. Little and often is key to helping young children to learn and with a little thought you will be able to cover many of the learning objectives that they cover each day at school.

Communication and Language

It is important to keep introducing your children to new language as you go about your everyday activities. A great way to develop language is to read lots of picture book stories and talking about the characters, settings and main events in the stories. To develop listening skills, you could play some listening games: Simon Says, Musical Chairs, Musical Statues, Keeper of the Keys, I Spy (you can play I Spy with colours too). Remind your child to make eye contact when they are listening and to take turns when they are talking.

Physical

To develop fine motor skills you could try using different tools such as paintbrushes, child safe scissors or crayons. Play dough is a fun way to practise this skill too (there are recipes online), there are videos on You Tube called 'dough disco', or the children could make models. Threading activities such as threading pasta onto string.

To develop large physical movements and general fitness, Joe Wicks Body Coach on You Tube has child friendly fitness videos, or BBC School Radio – Dance – Key Stage 1 – Let's Move has radio clips that the children can follow the dance instructions. Copy the moves on Just Dance – You Tube. Overall, it is just important to keep active.

Personal and Social Development

Playing board games or card games.

Building a jigsaw together.

Talk about their likes/ dislikes in terms of activities they like to do.

Discuss emotions/ feelings – acting out different emotions for children to identify.

Literacy

Reading stories, rhymes, poems, information books, magazines, comics. Talking about favourite characters.

Alphablocks - iPlayer

Recapping sounds for Reception children.

You Tube/ iPlayer – search for stories.

Twinkl.co.uk – search EYFS CVC activity booklet

Experiment writing/ drawing with chalk, pencils, crayons, felt tip pens, painting letters.

Demonstrate writing shopping list, writing a post card, writing greeting cards.

Readingcloud.net (Reception children only) – username and log on is in your child's yellow home-school contact book.

Local library services are offering online access to E-books.

Mathematics

Playing dice games, e.g. snakes and ladders

Playing role play shops, talking about coins and discussing money.

Topmarks.co.uk – Early Years. A selection of online games suitable for younger children.

Twinkl – under EYFS - Home Learning – Maths home learning challenges.

Sing nursery rhymes – 5 little ducks, 5 little speckled frogs, 10 green bottles. Search You Tube for counting songs.

Numberblocks iPlayer – this is an educational programme designed by expert mathematicians that we watch in school every week.

Looking for numbers, 2d and 3d shapes in your house.

Baking/ following recipes to talk about weighing ingredients.

Counting everyday objects, number ordering, one more/ one less.

Comparing sizes/ weight of objects – longer, shorter, heavier, lighter, full, empty

Numbots (reception children only) – see school letter for log on details.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Talk about special events in your family e.g. birthdays.

Talk about the weather – look for signs of spring. Look at weather in different countries.

Reading stories about different places in the world and communities.

Explore Google Earth.

Technology treasure hunt at home.

Use cameras to take photos – make a scrapbook of photos.

Gardening – planting seeds, watering garden plants. You could keep a plant growth diary.

Helping to look after a pet at home.

Expressive Arts and Design

Roleplay – dressing up and acting out scenarios e.g. restaurant, classroom, workshop. Play customers and shop keepers and act out stories together.

Use teddies/ puppets to make up your own stories or retell favourite stories.

Craft/ painting/ colouring activities and talking about colours, textures.

Sing nursery rhymes on You Tube.

Listening to music/ songs.

Pinterest – has lots of creative ideas for crafts for younger children. You could type in “EYFS activities” to see ideas.

Building models from bricks.

We hope these ideas will be of use to you. There are further resources and ideas listed on the general Foxmoor school information letter.

Early Years Staff