

Shared Learning at Home

Dear Parents/Carers, each half term we will advise you of our focus in the nursery, in order that you might extend your child's play and learning at home.

This half term at nursery we will be supporting the children and key workers who have moved rooms we will be focusing on making relationships and getting to know one another a bit better. We will also be working on developing independence in looking after ourselves, and learning about how to keep our bodies healthy and safe. The younger children will be working on their speaking skills, whilst the pre-schoolers will be focusing on developing their listening and attention skills. Expect lots of scribbling as we have fun exploring mark making and numbers. We will also be learning about technology and the people around us.

To support your child's learning through play at home here are some activity ideas to get you started:-

0-16 Months

- Share photographs of familiar people and animals.
- Encourage your child to attempt to get dressed on their own—can they find their shoes and try to put them on?
- Have a conversation with your child by copying the sounds they make and encouraging them to repeat simple words that you say e.g. "Mummy, Daddy"

16-36 Months

- Encourage your child to act out familiar stories—could you make some props?
- Let your child practice taking photos with a digital camera or a smart phone
- Provide chalk and have fun making marks on the ground outside. Talk to your child about what they have drawn.

36+ Months

- Go on a letter hunt—what letters and words can you spot when you're out and about? Look on signs, posters and buses—anywhere really!
- Sing number songs such as "5 Little Ducks", "1,2,3,4,5..." etc
- At meal times discuss with your child what makes food healthy and why we should have a balanced diet. Encourage them to try new flavours!

Have Fun!

As we value all the experiences you share with your children, please let us hear about any other activities your children enjoyed. Your input into their 'Learning Story' is so important. Overleaf is a sheet to jot down how your child played - either with what we suggested or with any other favourite activity. Your child's key worker would be happy to support you in this and will welcome your feedback.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE HOME OBSERVATION SHEET (OR TAKE A PHOTO) AND BRING IT TO NURSERY TO BE INCLUDED IN YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING STORY.