

Hi Everyone

It is the last week of the school term. This has been a tough year for everyone. I am so proud of all of your children and how hard they worked up until lockdown. I saw amazing progress in each and every one of them. I know they have been out of school for a long time but it will be up to all of us-the school, you as parents and your child to keep working hard on their schoolwork for when they return in September. Your child will be taught by Miss Robertson, Gail and Frani. This is a fantastic team of adults to support your child with settling back into school, becoming motivated again with their learning and to keep moving their learning forward. I have created transition books with photos to support your child with the transition from Reception to year 1. These should be with you soon by post if your child was not in school.

Here are some activities that might help to keep your child learning over the summer.

Take care and stay safe

Miss Podersoo

Please remember that there are lots of reading books available on the Oxford Owl website <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>



Go to the class log in.
Username: peach class
Password: start

In the eBooks section you can choose reading books by age.

Most children will need age 4-5 books.

Choose age 3-4 if your child is not yet reading. These are books that they can look at the pictures and talk about what they see. These are important pre-reading skills.

Choose age 5-6 or 6-7 if your child is a very confident reader

Big Cat Collins also do ereaders that might help to keep your child reading over the summer

<https://collins.co.uk/pages/big-cat-ebooks>

The Big Cat Collins books are levelled by colour:

Pink- for children just beginning to read simple words

Red-majority of the class were on red. These are the children who are learning list 2 tricky words

Yellow & above-more confident readers

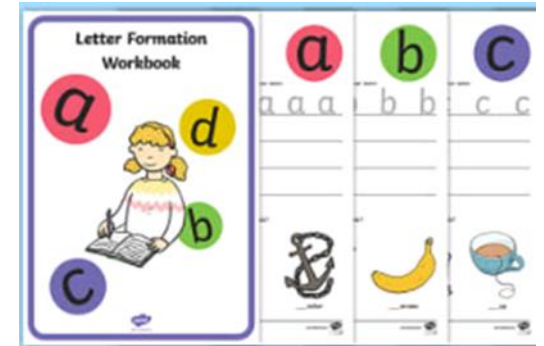


Literacy and handwriting activities

- Work on letter formation using the booklet provided. This is in your paper pack if you collected one from school

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-l-068-letter-formation-workbook>

Please remember that if your child is losing motivation. Make it exciting by letting them write using different writing materials.



Write in
Sand, salt, glitter,
flour...



A bag filled with hair
gel, shampoo,
conditioner...
Add colour or sparkle
to make it more fun



Finger painting



Shaving foam in a
tray or on a mirror



Chalk on a pavement
or fence

- Work on your child identifying as many of their phonic sounds as possible. For some children this is their single letter sounds for others it is their 2-letter sounds.

If your child is losing motivation, make this fun by...



Make a few sounds that they are working out of dough. You say a sound and they get to squash it.



You say a sound. Can your child find the letter to match and stick it on the fridge.



Use a timer, can they do it quicker next time?



Write the sounds on pieces of paper and scatter them on the floor or on post it notes and stick them on the wall.

Say the sound, scrunch it up and throw it in the bin



Use chalk to write the sounds on a fence or paving stone. Say a sound and spray it.

Read as many tricky words as you can!

- This should be the tricky words on list 1 and 2 of your tricky word list. Move onto list 3 and 4 if you are ready.

If your child is struggling to remember their words:

- Work on fewer words. This might even mean just be working on 1 word at a time.



Find the tricky words inside books that you have at home.

Maybe your child can get a point for every time they find a tricky word in a book.



Let them celebrate every time they start identifying a new word!



Write the words on the ground. This can be with chalk or on pieces of paper on the floor.

Say a word and your child has to jump from 1 word to the next!

The floor could be lava or slime so they can only stand on the words.

Use a whiteboard pen to write words and letters on plastic building blocks. Put sellotape over so the letters don't rub off.

Say and build the words.





maths activities

- Oxford Owl has some online maths activities. I would suggest using the 4-5 years option but select a higher or lower category depending on your child's needs.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/>

Keep it simple and work on basic maths concepts



Build and order numbers from lego or blocks



Use blocks or Lego to build stairs. Start from 1, then 2, then 3...

You could even start from a bigger number and work backwards.



Use an empty egg box- a 6 box, 10-box or 24-box could be used for different abilities. Find objects to put inside.

If I put 1 more how many will it be?

If I put 2 more?

Work in order from 1 up and then take away from a full box.

Keep it systematic and do it in order. When your child is confident, then you can jump around.

Close the lid to encourage your child to work it out mentally.



Build an adding machine

