

Nursery Learning Pack – Week (4) Summer Term

Hi guys, I am missing you all so much, here are some ideas, activities and games to share at home. In nursery we do lots of independent learning as well as adult directed learning, its important children get to work on some of their own ideas because they will have loads. I think it is also important to remember children at this age and stage of development will have a shorter attention span than older children when working on adult directed learning. I would only expect children to stay on task for around 15-20 minutes at one time. Little and often is the key, also revisiting and adapting games and activities. Some revisiting is good if children have challenged their skills and thinking. Have fun and enjoy learning and spending time together.

This week people will be celebrating Victory in Europe Day (VE Day). This is a day to celebrate the end of World War 2. This is going to fall on the public bank holiday on the 8th May.

Therefore, this week we will link the home school learning to this event. As always, do as much or as little as you want. Most importantly have fun and enjoy learning together.

I have found you a clip of a street party that happened on VE Day 75 years ago. If children can watch this, it could be a good starting point to plan your own street party?

Some streets may have a real street party (with appropriate social distancing of course), or you could have one at home with everyone in your house, or with some Teddy Bears or soft toys children have?



Reading every day

Choose a story the children like to read with you and explore it in more detail. Take time to talk about the characters, who do they remind children of? How do children think they might be feeling? Where the story is set, is it now or a long time ago? Is it in a city or the countryside? Look closely at the illustrations do you notice anything new?

Reading task

<https://youtu.be/Tjuelccukdc>

Watch the clip together and talk about what you see. Does it look the same or different to today? What stories do you think these children would have read? Talk about traditional stories that children would have listened to and enjoyed 75 years ago. You could tell them what stories you enjoyed, if they have grandparents or great grandparents, ask what stories they liked. Some of our grandparents and the children's great grandparents would have been children on VE Day. Developing the foundations of reading is not always linked to just reading books. Listening to stories is really important and using imagination is a fantastic skill to learn.



Writing every day

Writing is important and children in nursery are at lots of different stages of writing, some are making marks and giving them meaning. This is an important stage of writing development, take time to listen to what children are saying about their marks. Some children are ready to draw pictures to represent their feeling, thoughts and stories. Again, show lots of interest in this. Some children might be doing pretend writing, again this is important at this point, you could say, 'oh let me show you how I write that', and model some simple words.

Let children be the illustrators a story and you write the story for them. The children might want to change the story and give the caterpillar different things to eat. Most importantly have fun, remembering they might only stay focused for 10-15 minutes - this is okay - stop and come back to it later, or another day.

Have a go most days to write or make marks. This can be colouring in too. This is a nice calm activity. It is also nice to have plain paper so children can develop their own ideas too.

Writing task

This week why not make some invitations for a street party.

Some information you might need?

- Time and date of the party
- Where the party is
- Do guests need to repay to say if they can come or not?
- Do they need to dress up?



Be creative this is just an example?

Next make a menu of party food.

Maths every day

Maths is everywhere so when children are playing independently you could add some mathematical ideas. Explore shapes, not only their name, but some properties of shapes. For example, how many corners has that shape got? Do they fit together without any gaps? You can make number problems anywhere. We had 3 bowls of ice cream, daddy took one away, how many have we got left? There are lots of skills involved in counting. Counting by rote, counting how many you have, matching an amount to a number. The children will be at different stages of their mathematical journey. It is really important children understand the value of a number, they need to explore the 'Three-ness of 3'. It would be great if children know and understand numbers to 10 when they start Reception. Some children will already know this, so work on teen numbers if they are ready. Also, adding one more or taking one away. Again, have fun with numbers and shapes.

Maths task

This is a very simple recipe, as we are trying to not visit shops unnecessarily. Remember you can role play/pretend to make items for the party, design a cake or a bun for each person who is coming.

Making buns - You will need -

1 egg

50g Caster sugar

50g margarine

1 egg

50g self-raising flour

Bun cases

For the icing you will need -

Icing sugar

Any sweeties you want or have.

Method

Mix the Sugar and margarine together until creamy.

Whisk the egg, then add to the sugar and margarine, mix well again.

Carefully add the flour.

Put into bun cases

Let a grown up put them in the oven (190C/fan 170C/ gas 5) they will take about 15 minutes.

You can scale this up if you want to make more buns - this will make 3 or 4.

Once cool decorate however you want.

Baking is a great way to use the numbers all around us.

Once you know who is coming to your party make a shopping list.

How many sandwiches will you need?

How many drinks?

Will you have crisps? How many packets?

Making challenge

This week you could make some flags or bunting. For VE Day people had Union Jack flags and bunting.



You could make place mats for your guests or name labels to show them where to sit? Maybe even make some party hats (remember you have all week to do this!).

Topic challenge

When it was war time lots of people had to be brave in all sorts of different ways. Many children did not get to see their families for a long time and they could not get what they needed from the shops. Life was very different. A little bit like now, we have to be very brave for lots of different reasons.

Also lots of people in war time help others in lots of different ways. People found all sorts of different ways to look after family and friends, even people they did not know. A bit like today there are lots of people, grownups and children, helping others.

After the war some people were given medals for their efforts, one was called The George Medal.



Do you know anyone who has been brave or is helping others? You could make them their own Medal.

I am sure that will make them happy.

Self-help and life skills challenge

We did have a go at this in week two, but it's a great skill to have for party preparations.



You could also let children help spreading topping on toast another day. Let children help out with washing up and putting pots away - where it is safe for them to do so. Enjoy your lunch.

- Talk about what you will need, you could make the list or let them have a go at drawing what you need or have a go at writing.
- Count out all the items you need. How many people you are making sandwiches for... etc.
- If it's for the family you could make a menu first with all the options.
- Take all the orders then wash hands and let children help you prepare the sandwiches. Ensure children are supervised while spreading, adults should do any chopping.
- You could serve the sandwiches with name tags so everyone know whose is whose.

Physical and quiet time

<https://youtu.be/gFflzDaxfKM> Ready, Steady Go - have a go at this action song together, there is skipping in it. Can you learn how to Skip?

<https://youtu.be/pVKIZNCL5Ms> This 'Peace Out' is called Super Hero. We are all having to be strong and brave at the moment. I hope you all enjoy this time to feel strong, brave and helpful.

The most important thing is to enjoy spending time together whatever it is you are doing. If you can, share your ideas on Twitter, I know others will love to see what you up to.

Missing you all, have fun and I will see you all soon.