

Nursery Learning Pack – Week 11 (29/6/2020) 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 we are going to think about castles

Here is a story to start us off.

King of the castle (Oxford Reading Tree) – this story tells you a little bit about castles

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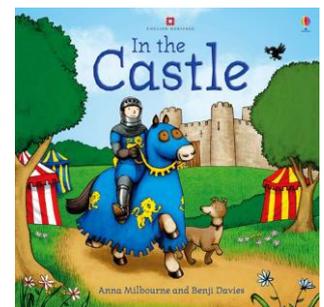
Can you remember the parts of the castle in the story? What did each character want to be? What would you choose to be? Have you ever been to a castle? What did you see? What did you hear? What did you smell? Would you like to live there?

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

Do you have any stories that take place in a castle? Look at the pictures, which parts of the castle can you see? Who lives in the castle? Are there goodies and baddies in the story? Who wins in the end?



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. 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 – make a castle story

Take a piece of paper and fold it in zig zags so it will stand up. Now cut out some squares from the top so it looks like a castle battlements. Draw what happens in the story on your castle. Have a go at writing some sounds or maybe a grown up could write your story for you.



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 – shapes



Castles are made up of huge blocks of stone. They are all different shapes. Each shape has a special job. Make a picture of a castle using shapes. Draw round objects such as a tin to make a circle and cut them out of coloured paper. Or draw them straight on to white paper and colour them in.

Do you know the names of any of the shapes? Can you point to a triangle? A square? Circle? How many sides does each shape have? How many points (corners)?

Good luck!

Topic challenge

Read the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Jack climbed to the top of a beanstalk and found a giant's castle.

Plant a bean seed and watch it grow. Beanstalks need something to climb up. Give yours a stick and then draw a picture of a castle to put at the top of the stick.

How long does it take for your bean to grow into a beanstalk? Can you see any flowers on it? What do they grow into?

Name the parts of the plant – seed, shoot, root, leaf, stem or stalk, flower



Take a photo and send it to fs@carfield.sheffield.sch.uk so we can see it.

Making challenge – a hobby horse for a knight to ride

This is a making challenge for an adult with help from children. It is great fun to ride a hobby horse and you can pretend to be a knight or a princess or a prince or anyone else who rides a horse!



<https://crafts.tutsplus.com/tutorials/craft-for-kids-make-a-hobby-horse--cms-22348>

Where will you ride your horse? Make some low jumps so that it can jump over things.

Remember to look after your horse. You could give it food and water, but don't leave it out in the rain.

Self-help and life skills challenge

How are children getting on with getting dressed by themselves - this is a big task to do it all at once, maybe break it down.

- I. Start with putting PJs on.
- II. Once this is easy, try putting underwear on with t-shirts and jumper.
- III. Trousers, socks, tights could be the next target.
- IV. Finally socks and shoes. They are hard and need lots of practice.

A new skill to begin to learn is using a knife and fork. Holding both at the same time and holding food with a fork and cutting it with a knife.

Physical and quiet time

A song to help you learn the names of shapes whilst building sandcastles.

https://youtu.be/OP_hDVeaCOw

Peace out. Starfish. I hope you enjoy this time as much as I do. Peace Out.

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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. Suzanne x