

Nursery Learning Pack – Week 13 (13/7/2020) 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 Memories and Moving On

When you come back to school in September, some of you will carry on in Nursery and some of you will be moving into new classes in Reception, the Butterflies, the Bumble Bees and the Ladybirds. Wherever you are will feel different for a while and that's ok. It is nice to think of the things that have happened in Nursery and this will make you feel happy.

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

Think of a story that you used to love in Nursery. Can you remember who used to share the story with you? Who was in the story? What happened?

Do you have the story at home or perhaps you can find somebody reading it on YouTube (remember to only go on the internet with a grown-up sitting with you).

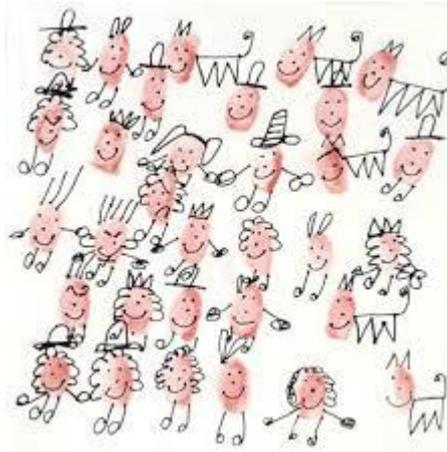
Think about how you felt when you heard the story and how you loved being in Nursery. How lucky you are to have those memories and feelings.

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 list of your friends



Can you remember the names of your friends in Nursery?

Draw a picture of some of them. Use your thumb and some paint to make a person and then draw on arms, legs and faces. Ask a grown-up to help you write some of their names.

Perhaps you can make a card to give them when you come back to school.

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.



Making Challenge 1 - Memories and remembering



Make a book or a poster about yourself. Think of things you would like you teacher to know about you. Think of what you have loved about Nursery. Here are some ideas – Father Christmas, Christmas concert, PE in the hall, Walks in the park, learning with your grown-ups.

Look after your book and you can bring it back to school with you in September.

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

Making challenge 2 – Looking forward



When you come back to school in September some things will be the same and some things will be different. You might have the same teacher, but some of the children will have left Nursery or you will have a different teacher, but know a lot of the children in your new class. How funny!

Think about how this makes you feel. Does it give you butterflies in your tummy? That means you are a bit nervous. Does it make you feel all fizzy? That means you are excited. You might feel excited and nervous and that is fine. There will be lots of grown-ups and friends to help you feel good.

Watch the videos on the school website (remember to only go on the internet with a grown-up sitting with you). You will see all the grown-ups and the Nursery and classrooms.

Make a poster about the things you are looking forward to.

You could draw a picture or write some words. Bring your poster to school to talk about with the grown-ups.



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. Cosmic Counting. I hope you enjoy this time as much as I do. Peace Out.

<https://youtu.be/4UyPe7S0cSg>

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