

Nursery Learning Pack – Week 12 (6/7/2020) 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 Knights and dragons

Here is a story to start us off.

How to Catch a Dragon

<https://youtu.be/QHDeEJ-9utI>

Can you remember how the knights tame the grizzly bear and the troll and the dragon? Can you think of any other ways to tame a grizzly bear or a dragon?

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

Albie went to the library. Have you ever been to a library? Do you know what you will find there? Perhaps you can join a library and then you will have so many books to choose from you won't know what to do!

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 shopping list for making the pizza

Decide which ingredients you need to make the Knight's Shield Pizza. You need a shopping list so that you don't forget anything.

Use a long thin piece of paper to write the list. Remember a list is written with each word underneath the one before. I hope you find all the ingredients!



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 – symmetry



Symmetry means when two sides of a picture are exactly the same. Design a shield that is symmetrical. Choose the shape for your knight's shield and then draw a line down the middle of it. Whatever you put on one side of the shield put on the other.

Good luck!

Topic challenge

Knights had to be very fit and healthy so they were ready to fight dragons at a moment's notice. Build an obstacle course so you can train to be a knight. You will need to be able to jump over things, crawl through things or along the ground. You need good balance too.



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

Making challenge – a Knight's shield pizza

Use this recipe to make a pizza for a party – it is from twinkl.co.uk



Ingredients	Method
<p><u>Ingredients</u></p> <p>Pizza dough mix or homemade pizza dough</p> <p>Grated cheese</p> <p>Tomato puree</p> <p>A selection of toppings such as;</p> <p>Ham, pork or turkey, Prawns, Sweetcorn</p> <p>Black olives, Red pepper (sliced)</p> <p>Basil</p> <p><u>Equipment</u></p> <p>Oven – set to 200°C/ gas mark 5</p> <p>Chopping board</p> <p>Knife</p> <p>Spoon</p> <p>Baking tray</p>	<p>1. Make the dough for the pizza base following the instructions on the box or your own recipe.</p> <p>2. Stretch out a handful of dough to make the pizza base. You could make it circular, rectangular, oval or any shape of your choosing.</p> <p>3. Place on a floured baking tray.</p> <p>4. Using the back of the spoon, spread tomato puree on the pizza base.</p> <p>5. Add the cheese</p> <p>6. Use the suggested toppings to design a coat of arms. Try to make the design as symmetrical as possible. Arranging the topping in stipes or concentric circles looks nice once baked.</p> <p>7. Place in the oven for approximately 10 minutes, depending on the size of the pizza.</p>

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