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Teaching Ideas

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new week of home learning. Here are some activities you can do with your child to help support their education.

We are missing all of the children very much!

As always, please check in again next Monday for some new ideas.

Many thanks,

Mrs Slater, Miss Richardson and Miss Larkin

May is the month of Mary



In the Catholic Church the month of May is dedicated to honouring Mary, Jesus' mother. You may enjoy making flower crowns for Mary out of flowers or daisy chains in the park, or perhaps make some flower shaped biscuits



Activity 1 – Reading

- Let's listen to 'Mad about Minibeast' by Giles Andreas and David Wojtowycz
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SW-7MgHEZOE>
- Talk about the story together:
 - Which is your favourite insect and why do you like it?
 - Which do you think is the scariest?
 - Can you talk about the different ways they move and where they live?

- Remember to practise the sounds and words in your word and sounds book. You could make a game by writing words in chalk outside and shouting out the word as you jump on them.

Activity 2 – Writing

- Can you write a list of the insects in the story? You could copy the words you find tricky.
- Can you draw an insect like a spider and label some body parts e.g. legs, eyes, feet?
- Practise writing your name and your letters using chalks, paints, felt tips and pencils

Activity 3 – Understanding the World

- Can you go on a bug hunt and see what insects you can find?
- You could take a picture on a grown-up's phone to look at later
- Use the internet (with an adult) to find out insect facts



Activity 4 –Physical Development

- **How about making some play dough?**
- 2 cups plain flour (all purpose)
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil (baby oil and coconut oil work too)
- 1/2 cup salt
- 2 tablespoons cream of tartar
- 1 to 1.5 cups boiling water (adding in increments until it feels just right)
- gel food colouring (optional)
- few drops glycerine (my secret ingredient for stretch and shine!)

- **Method**
- Mix the flour, salt, cream of tartar and oil in a large mixing bowl
- Add food colouring to the boiling water then into the dry ingredients
- Stir continuously until it becomes a sticky, combined dough
- Add the glycerine (optional)
- Allow it to cool down then take it out of the bowl and knead it vigorously for a couple of minutes until all of the stickiness has gone.
- When you have made the dough make some minibeast out of it.



Activity 5 – Mathematics

Play the game: Ten on a Tray

- You need ten objects, each one different, e.g. very small toys, vehicles, figures or animals, pens, rubbers, sharpeners, etc. Also some small change – brown coins or 5ps or 10ps.
- Look at the tray and then cover it over, can you remember what was on the tray?
- Who has the best memory?

This is a good game to play online:

<https://www.nctm.org/Classroom-Resources/Illuminations/Interactives/Ten-Frame/>