

How can I help my child to learn at home?

I will post letters with more ideas on the Nursery class page but here are some ideas to get you started:

Talk, talk and talk! Talk about:

- The stories you read together and what you can see in the pictures.
- Talk about what you are doing together e.g. playing an imaginary game; helping to sort out some toys.
- Talk about the shape of objects e.g. a square sandwich or a rectangle biscuit. Play “I spy something that is a circle...”
- Talk about how many plates you need for tea-time; count how many steps you walk down; ask them to help you count 3 carrots when you are cooking...
- Getting dressed, talk about the weather and what they will need to wear; count how many socks, how many buttons etc....
- Talk about what you see on the way to the park; read signs together, look for letters from their name, spot numbers....
- When you are writing a shopping list or a note, give your child a pencil and paper as well and talk about what sounds they begin with e.g. “b, b, b bananas”.

The government has set up a website with 6 expert approved Apps and activity ideas:

hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk

Fun activities to add to your routine:

- Try sharing familiar books at bedtime. Pause when reading so that your child can join in. Talk about the sounds at the beginning of words and words that start with the same sound (like words beginning with P).
- Encourage your child to recall what has happened in the story. For example, ‘Why is bear feeling sad?’ Ask them to guess what might happen – ‘What should they do next?’ – or how the story might end – ‘Do you think they’re going to find the treasure? Where could it be?’

Ideas to try with your child on the go

- When you are out and about, talk to your child about what they can see. Play games like, ‘I spy with my little eye something beginning with...’ and say the first sound of the thing that you can see – ‘something beginning with b-b-b-b.’ You can go first and show your child how the game works. If this is tricky play colour eye=spy or play at home putting just a few things on the table e.g. a pear, a teddy, a cup, a book and say “I spy with my little eye something beginning with b... Yes, a book! Your turn...”

Other ideas

- Try role-playing games together such as shopping. Set items out on the sofa, give your child a bag and some pretend money. Then switch roles and let them be the shopkeeper.
- Play teddy bears' picnic. Write invitations. Put soft toys in a circle and give your child a few cups and spoons. Give your child a chance to tell you what to do like, 'Stir teddy's tea.'
- Plan a treasure hunt game, where your child has to listen to your instructions to find a clue or an object. For example, 'Try looking behind the sofa'.

Sign up for the Warwickshire Family Information newsletter for lots of useful ideas and information. Recently they recommended this website for home learning ideas:

<https://warwickshire.ankle-biters.co.uk/>

These websites also have good ideas:

theimaginationtree.com

handsonaswegrow.com

Take care everyone; we hope to see you all soon,

Mrs Armstrong