



Reception Suggested Home Activities



Week Beginning 18.5.2020



Kristupas and his family have been hard at work in the garden this week; taking care of the plants they have potted and learning all sorts about vegetables, fruits and flowers!

Thank you once again for sharing all of the wonderful things you are getting up to at home. It is so nice to see interests of the children really coming through in the things they make, write, draw and design.

We hope you all enjoyed our little surprise this week on the vlog! Sadly Miss Smith, who helps us on a Tuesday, couldn't join us in our video however, she is putting some things on a blog to show you what she is getting up to at home. Please keep the amazing pictures and videos flooding in. We all love to see what you are getting up to.

Egg Update – Mrs Perfect and Jasper have been keeping a close eye on Honey this week! She has become very 'tight' on the nest and will only come off for food when she really, really needs it. Honey is doing a good job at keeping those eggs safe and we are all definitely learning to be very

patient as we wait and see what happens next week.



Despite the wind being a little troublesome this week, Amelie stuck to it and made a beautiful natural mandala! It is clear she really thought carefully about where to place her objects.

Physical and emotional well being

Exercise

There is so much in the way of exercise that is available for you to have a go at, at home. Here is a list of the online suggestions we have made throughout the weeks and an offline idea too:

- Cosmic Kids Yoga <https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>.
- Joe Wicks PE Lessons: <https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1>
- Laura's dance videos that can be found through our school website.
- Offline idea: If you have any hard, slippery flooring in your home, why not try sock skating! Put on some socks and spin, dancing, glide around the room to some music. You could even pretend you are a professional ice skater!

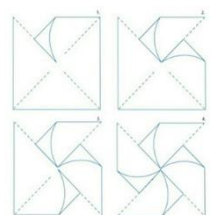
PSHE - Paper pinwheel meditation

Working with an adult you need to get a square of paper. Fold and press along the fold to make a crease. Cut and open out to get your square. You then have a crease from one corner of the square to the opposite corner. Fold the square so that the other opposing corners meet, then press along the fold to make another crease. You should have two diagonal creases in your square, crossing in the middle. If you are using plain paper, you can decorate as you please!

Use the scissors to cut along each crease, from the outer corner towards the middle, about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way. Do not cut all the way to the middle! Next, fold as shown in the diagram. Be sure to fold so that the points overlap a little in the middle. Do not make creases here! You

You need:

- Sturdy paper, or card
- Scissors
- A push pin
- A pencil with an eraser on the end



can glue the points down in the middle if it helps to make it less fiddly. Next, push the pin through the centre of the pinwheel into the eraser, ensuring the point is not poking through the other side. Now you can pop your pinwheel outside and enjoy watching it spin in the wind.

Suggested English Activities

Individual Reading

Such a variety of reading has gone on this week that has inspired and excited lots of you at home. Don't forget our online resources available to you if you would like some different books to look at that run alongside the schools banding.

Oxford Owl website: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> Username: bridge

Password: abcd

Collins Big Cats: www.connect.collins.co.uk/school/PrimaryDashboard.aspx

Username: parents@harpercollins.co.uk Password: Parents20!



Fraser has been learning all about History this week! Putting together timelines of events that happened in the past and making a biscuit Stone Henge! Doesn't it look delicious!

Spelling

Great work on Spelling Shed again this week Reception! Now that you have had a go at the 'w' sound, could you have a go at writing as many words as you can that start with the letter 'w'. Maybe you could make a word web with all of your 'w' words.

The focus for this week on **spelling shed** (www.edshed.com/en-gb/login) is recapping the phase 3 sound is 'j, v, w, x' and the phase 4 polysyllabic words for example **picnic** and **sunlight**. If you can't remember your login, just let us know and we can email it across to you.

Don't forget to keep practising the tricky words for Phases 2, 3 and 4. These can be found in previous newsletters. Why not choose one of your favourite story books and make a tricky words list? Maybe, challenge a member of your family and see whose book has more!

Please remember that the Department of Education are still doing daily phonics teaching aimed at Reception at 10am and Year 1 at 10:30am with support on blending sounds at 11am. All of the information can be found on our school website.

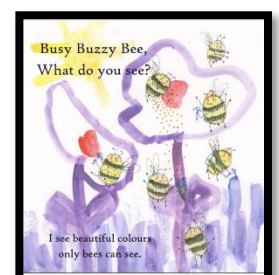
Literacy

As we know, it takes a lot longer than a week for a plant to grow, so we felt that this week we would give you some time to do your plant stories and diaries. If you'd like some ideas of things to plant, here is the vegetable waste website from last week: <https://foodrevolution.org/blog/reduce-food-waste-regrow-from-scrap/>.

If you choose to try and grow your own plants or want to do some research, why not try:

- How are your plants growing? Don't forget to write down any changes you see and things you do to help it grow.
- You could write a helicopter story alongside you plant. Have a look at this story, 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle. It is all about the journey of a seed! Maybe you could have a go at telling your own and asking someone to write it down for you.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ls6wTeT2cKA>



Elodie B and her family have certainly been busy bees this week! A huge congratulations on writing and publishing your first book! You should be very proud of the beautiful artwork you have done for it and we cannot wait to see it in our school library!

Maths on WhiteRose: <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/early-years/>



Lyla has had her world map out this week! What a big world we live in! Can anyone see where we are? Maybe Lyla can help us!

This week on WhiteRose, we will be moving on to the lesson plans entitled 'Summer Term – Week 3 (w/c 4th Maw). The activities this week follow the stories 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. The focus areas of maths this week are: shapes, number, patterns in art, grouping, addition and subtraction, doubling, halving, odds and evens and measuring! So many different things to have a go at this week with some useful ideas on the slideshows provided.

Here is a link to the animated story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. Please feel free to use this to support your child's learning if you don't have a copy of the story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQK-Sm1YY>

Lastly, just a reminder of our newer online resource **Numbots** (<https://play.numbots.com/#/intro>)! If you haven't received your login details, send us an email and we can forward them to you.

Family Challenge

Music Challenge: On the school website, Mr Miles and Mrs Brooks are missing you all so much that they would like to put together a virtual sing-a-long of the Gospel Medley! Warm up and learn the words with Mrs Brooks then record yourself singing along. Mr Miles will then work his magic to put all of our voices together to share with you all.



Oliver H had a go at the art challenge last week! He used recycled materials to make a robot! The detail in its face is super!



Art/Writing Challenge: Let your imagination go crazy with this week's art and writing challenge! You will read the nonsense poetry of Spike Milligan and then write and illustrate your own nonsense poem. We want both your written and illustration work to be utterly bonkers!

Birthday Shout-outs



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Oliver K – 14th May

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Such amazing things going on all across Reception. Our thanks is not nearly enough for all of the support you're giving your children in their playing, exploring and learning. Please feel free to send us an email with questions, ideas and updates.

Stay safe and many thanks,

The Reception Team