

Weekly Overview

Here are some short activities that you could do daily with the children. Please feel free to send us some pictures or video clips of the children. Do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or questions.

Monday 11th	<p>Read Superworm by Julia Donaldson. You can find an online story at:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OkeNDquvZEE</p> <p>Ask questions as you read the book. What happens in the beginning, the middle and the end? Can you retell the story in your own words? Can you identify any words that rhyme? How do you know that they rhyme? They sound the same. For example, bugs and slugs, tail and fail.</p> <p>Join in with the chant as you read: "Superworm is super-long, Superworm is super strong. Watch him wiggle! See him squirm! Hip, hip, hooray for SUPERWORM!"</p> <p>There are lots of wonderful words and children may not understand what they mean. Read them and talk about what they mean- Wriggle Grim Wiggle Fearful Squirm Shriek Mope Writhe Cheer Coil Chant Slink away Heave Twist and wind Lair Cunning</p>
	<p>Play Phase 1 Phonics game at Phonics Play (Username: march20 Password: home)</p> <p>https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/1</p>

Tuesday 12th	Use a piece of string to dangle into paint. On a piece of paper, print 'wiggly worms' using your string. Brown or pink paint is best. What pattern and texture do you make? Stick a section of it into your book when it is dry.
	Go on a mini beast hunt. What can you find? Make a simple chart (similar to a pictogram). Can you draw how many different mini beast you can find? Then count the numbers and write the numeral.
Wednesday 13th	Develop skipping skills - use a skipping rope to skip on the spot. Begin by stepping over the rope in front of you. Progress to jumping over the rope. Next step is to swing the rope over your head, then JUMP! Top Tip: hold out your arms wide. This way, you get a clear loop.
	Look for worms in the soil. This is easier when it has rained, as the worms come to the surface. Why do you think they do? Can you see any worm casts? You may draw or take photographs and record how worms move. Use the words learn from the book to describe how the worms look and move.
Thursday 14th	Magic Potions - develop a magic potion which will save Superworm. Petals, grass, bark, twigs, etc. Sing the Superworm chant with the magic! Draw/Paint your potion on a piece of paper. Can children write their own caption for the ingredients?
	Watch an episode of snails and see what you can learn. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ki97nLa2rjk

Friday 15 th	Can you make a worm sock puppet? If you have any old or spare socks lying around, stuff them with paper and make your own sock puppet of Superworm. You can use this sock puppet to help re tell the story
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Websites to support some of these activities:

www.theimaginationtree.com - lots of ideas and activities

www.backyardnature.org - ideas for outdoor learning at home

www.creativestarlearning.co.uk - outdoor learning ideas and activities for home and schools

www.hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/ - lots of ideas to get children talking

www.earlyyearscreers.com/eyc/enabling-environment/adult-lead-outdoor-games/ - for pirate ship and jungle games