



# Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School

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Dear parents,

I hope you have had a good rest from schoolwork over the Easter holidays!

I have put together a new pack of ideas for reception. Please remember that a lot of time in reception is spent developing physical, social and communication skills as well as the three 'r's so time at home playing in the garden, talking lots and making things is just as beneficial as the suggestions in these packs.

Our new **topic** is "Growth" and I have put a few ideas and a project book in the pack. Please use the book for drawing, writing and sticking or anything else useful. To help get the most out of the topic, talk about the names of different animal babies starting with pets and farm animals. Talk about where our food comes from, the ingredients used to make it and if it grows under the soil, in a bush or on a tree/plant. Have a look around your local area for signs of new life such as flies, caterpillars, leaves on trees or lambs. Talk about the things you can smell, touch, hear, see and taste,

I've looked on YouTube and found the following videos that you could use as an introduction to the above suggestions (this letter is on the website as well - clicking links would be easier than typing them in):

Parts of a plants: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p3St51F4kE8>

Baby animals: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cJg4YFtvOp8>

The Five Senses: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q1xNuU7gaAQ>

You could also have a go at drawing flowers and animals using circles/squares/oblongs and triangles. You could cut out the shapes from cardboard for your child to draw around.

## Now to the 3'r's!

### Maths:

You should continue to concentrate on the following:

**"Children count reliably with numbers from one to 20, place them in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number.**

**Using quantities and objects, they add and subtract two single-digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer."** (Early Learning Goals)

It is important that in the activities you do with your children they count/calculate using objects.

I have placed cubes in each pack and made suggestions for activities.

Please also visit the White Rose website. They have produced maths activities based around stories for reception aged children. If you don't have the books at home, I've found someone reading them on YouTube:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/early-years/> (Maths suggestions)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIxOrCXHLi8> (Egg Hunt book)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mq\\_Pee53RpE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mq_Pee53RpE) (Ladybird book)

More stories/activities will be added to the site after Easter.





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## Reading:

The children are all doing well with decoding. Keep going with revising the sounds, especially the double letter sounds, both recognition and decoding when they occur in words and the word cards from your word boxes. We have already covered a great deal of the curriculum and this final term in school would have been spent consolidating what the children already know and stretching them a little further. Be assured they are in a good position.

The sticking and cutting activity I have included in the pack is to do with comprehension, a very important skill for the children to acquire. I have also included some worksheets on tricky words 25 to 36, which were new to the children in the previous pack. These are sheets we would have completed over the course of the first summer half term.

## Writing:

Keep going with modelling the sentences and encouraging your child to write another independently, if you haven't already finished them. I have not added more dictation lists - that will be a treat for next time (if we are still in the same peculiar situation) -but keep dictating the word lists to your child for them to have a go at writing. You may feel you are practically telling them each sound but that's fine. That dictation will really help with their own sounding out when they write independently.

I've also put in some more letter formation practice sheets and some rhyming practice activities.

## Computing:

We have also registered all the children on Purple Mash.

<https://www.purplemash.com/scotforth>

This website has many educational and engaging activities.

Reception children should focus on the activities in the Mini Mash section. Your child's logon details are in the pack.

Please email me, if you have any queries or need any clarification.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia Browne.

