

Week beginning: 20th April 2020

Reception home learning

Our focus story this week is: Jasper's Beanstalk – please look out for the Youtube video of a staff member reading it. This will also be added to Tapestry.

Please find below some ideas for learning at home. Some of these are linked to our focus text and some of them are just ideas focusing on learning we would usually be covering at this time of the year.

Personal, social and emotional development

- Can you draw a picture of things that are all about you? Draw yourself and 4 things that are your favourite things. Can you load it on to tapestry? We can't wait to learn all about you.
- Can you play a board game that involves sharing and turn taking?
- Can you try to do something new that you might find challenging? Keep on going, practise makes progress 😊. E.g. hopping on 1 foot, colouring in the lines. Let your child choose. Can you take a photograph to share with your teacher?

Physical development

- Can you practice throwing and catching? You could use a scarf if playing indoors or a ball if playing outdoors. If you do not have a ball try making one out of tin foil.
- Can you make an obstacle course in your garden or living room and dribble a ball with your feet around the obstacles?
- Join in with some of Andy's wild workouts on CBeebies
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/av/super movers/46552584>

Maths

Time challenge.

- How many jumps/hops can you do in 10 seconds?
- How far can you walk in 10 seconds?
- How many marbles/shells/ buttons/ counters can you put into a bowl (1 at a time) in 1 minute?
- How many times can you write your name in 1 minute?

Experiment with doing the same activity for different periods of time and comparing the amounts.

- Talk about things that happen at o'clock times.
- Can you sing the days of the week song?

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

- Can you sing the months of the year song?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5enDRrWyXaw>

- Can you practise your number doubles using the 'snap it' game in the video and 'Mr Double Trouble' song.

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

- Number blocks episode to reinforce doubles.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b08q4jkg/numberblocks-series-2-double-trouble>

Understanding the world

- Can you talk to an older family member this week about your favourite toy? What was their favourite toy when they were little, is there anything the same about the two toys, what is different?
- Can you have a go at doing the vegetable top experiment (video?) Place the top of a carrot on some damp cotton wool in a sunny spot and watch what happens over the next few days, are there any other vegetables that will grow in the same way too?
- Can you use a camera, or other similar technology if you have it, to create a simple photograph diary of your week, just like Jasper.
- Cooking this week: Can you follow the recipe below or find your own recipe to make some yummy soup for lunch?

Communication and language

- Have a go at playing a blindfolded listening game. Ask a grown up to blindfold you and then to hide a noisy toy or something else that makes a noise, ie keys etc and see if you can work out where it is hidden just by listening to it. Be careful that you don't bump into anything though!
- Play a game of 'Simon says', can you listen carefully and make sure you only copy the action when your grown up says "Simon says"

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- Can you phone a friend or relative and explain to them what you have done that week, maybe you could use your photo diary, if you've made one, as a prompt. Or you could explain to them how you set up your vegetable top experiment so they can do it too.

Literacy (reading and writing)

- Can you design and create a seed packet? Give your seeds a name e.g apple seeds, pumpkin seeds or any other idea you may have. Can you write a list instructions to go on the back of your seed packet?
- Look through your child's toys and belongings and create a box of items they can have a go at writing labels for, e.g cat, sock, rug... If they find this easy you could add more challenging items, allow your child to use their phonic knowledge independently, it is not necessarily about achieving correct spelling at this stage but more about building confidence.
- Add another story to your own helicopter stories book at home. Encourage your child to tell you a story and scribe it for them. Then set aside some time later for them to act it out.
- Top tip for reading at home: when watching a movie or TV programme turn on the subtitles. Research carried out recently proved that turning on subtitles when watching a programme can help children learn to read.

Phonics

Word list for 'Word building' activity

spend	grand	trust	swift	twist
scrub	split	scrap	print	gruff
stuff	dress	flag	desk	jump

Word list for sound swap – please note these are nonsense words

frap – grap – grop – grol	smug – sug – suf – smuf
glap – glaf – plaf – plef	bip – bop – lop – clop

Everyday words to read and write

the	like	come
went	she	we
be	to	me

Sounds to focus on and learn – we have taught the sounds listed in the table below. Please help your child recall them. We would usually write them or use flashcards to quickly recall each sound.

s	a	t	p	i	n	g
o	c	k	m	n	d	e
b	f	j	r	v	l	h
w	u	ff	ll	ss	zz	x

Expressive arts and design

- Can you use some left over fruit and vegetables to do some printing? Do you have any vegetables that have a natural dye in them like a beetroot?
- On your walk or in your garden collect some leaves and when home enjoy leaf rubbing using crayons and paper. Do all the leaves have the same patterns?
- Using a toilet roll or kitchen roll tube can you turn it in to a paper beanstalk? Colour it green or use green paper to make the vines and leaves. How tall can you make your beanstalk?

Websites you may find useful:

- <https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/> - great for learning to read
- <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/numicon-guide-for-parents/> - information about numicon
- <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/early-years/> - home learning Maths ideas

Top tips for home learning

- The most important thing to remember is you are doing an amazing job. Everything is new and different for your child/ren and for you too. Please be kind to yourself.
- Make it fun and enjoyable. If your child is really grumpy doing some writing or counting leave it and do something else. Reading a story together, watching some TV, playing in the garden, cooking and resting are just as important as 'learning' activities.
- If your child was at school the expectation for focused learning would be short, sharp bursts. We would only ever spend 20 minutes' maximum on our phonics or Maths.

Question of the Week

What is your favourite time of the day and why?

Random act of kindness

Choose somebody in your family and tell them something nice. E.g I like your hair or you make the best toast!

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Versatile veg soup

Ingredients

200g chopped raw vegetables, such as onions, celery and carrots

300g potato

1 tbsp oil

700ml stock

crème fraîche and fresh herbs, to serve

Method

- 1.** Fry 200g **chopped** raw vegetables with 300g potatoes, **peeled** and cubed, in 1 tbsp oil for a few mins until beginning to soften.
- 2.** Cover with 700ml stock and **simmer** for 10-15 mins until the veg is tender. **Blend** until smooth, then season.
- 3.** Serve with a dollop of crème fraîche and some fresh herbs. *Will freeze for up to 1 month.*