

Nursery Home Learning Week Beginning 15th June 2020



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Area of learning	Activity 1	Activity 2	Activity 3
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Talk to your child about making a den or reading retreat to look at books and share stories. Let them suggest what they would like to use to build their denblankets, sheets, cushions, battery operated lights etc.	Once the den is built talk about establishing some basic rules for its use. What rules do they think might be important and why? Discuss who could go in there- brothers, sisters, pets, toys etc; remind them that the reading den is a quiet area to enjoy books. Praise your child for sharing their ideas and working as a team to build the den and for being kind in sharing this special space.	Encourage children to use their words to explain how they are feeling. Model the vocabulary they need to express those feelings "I can see you are feeling" Talk about strategies they could use for example talking to each other or using a timer to aid turn taking.
Physical Development	Lots of you are practising getting dressed which is fabulous. Can your grown up time how long it takes you to put on your socks or shoes/ do your coat up? etc You could turn this into a competition and try to beat your personal best each day.	This week we would like you to practise jumping up and down, landing on 2 feet with knees bent. You can jump over or off low objects, remembering how to land safely. Enjoy jumping in puddles like Dr Foster. If there aren't any you could create your own puddle by pouring water on to the ground, then put on your wellies! Or you could jump up and down in a paddling pool if you have one.	Please remember how important it is to keep your hands clean, we have found a couple of washing hands songs you may like to share with your child by clicking on the links we have attached below. https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/washing-your-hands-song https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=orBR87I9P5g
Communication and Language	To share the story of The Very Hungary Caterpillar by Eric Carle, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UDKRrc4w30k Explain to the children that the man reading the story is Eric Carle, he wrote the book, he is the author. He is also the illustrator because he also created the pictures.	Following instructions is an important skill so when making your reading den with your child give them instructions such as "could you please pass me the blanket and two pegs, then choose a cushion to put in your den?"	Young children find it hard to know what a question is. Help them to think about what a question is by playing "Guess what's in the box/bag". Demonstrate how to play by letting your child put an object in a bag or box hidden from view. Ask your child questions about the hidden object in the box "is it big, small, soft, hard, an animal, does it have wheels, what colour is it?" etc. Once you have guessed the object correctly you swap over, and you choose an object to hide and your child has to ask you questions about it.
Literacy	Enjoy reading and sharing lots of stories with your child in their reading den. Ask your child to select which story they would like to listen to and	Encourage your child to listen out for words that rhyme in stories and rhymes. As you read with the	These are two links related to caterpillars which you might like to explore



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	encourage them to join in with any repeated refrains such as "but he was still hungry!"	children or sing rhymes please highlight the words for them that rhyme. Play the rhyming string game Begin with a word e.g. hat, take it in turns to continue the string, a string for hat could be:- bat, sat, rat, mat children can make up their own words e.g. zat the emphasis for this activity is rhyme.	Tiny caterpillar song https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOlbSEOCmNM Munching Crunching Caterpillar https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7QQUNBjIlts
Mathematics	Look out for anything that is a circle shape. Does it have any sides or angles? Cut out different sizes of circle shapes encourage your child to help you. Use size vocabulary by talking about which circles are "big, bigger, biggest" and which are "small, smaller, smallest". Create your own caterpillar with the paper circles, how many circles have you used? Ask the children which is the longest caterpillar? Which is the shortest?	Count how many circles you have made. Explain to the child that these could be the caterpillar eggs. Using a large leaf or a drawing of a large leaf count the eggs onto your leaf. Place a number by the leaf (start with 1-5) and ask your child to place the correct amount of eggs onto the leaf. To extend this activity you can ask your child to give you a certain number of eggs from the leaf and then ask them to tell you how many eggs are left on the leaf. Can your child find the corresponding numeral to show how many eggs there are?	Play a number hunt game by hiding numbers 0-10 around the house or garden. Tell your child to shout the number out loud when they find it.
Understanding of the World	When your den is built you might like to add some lights or use a torch inside it if it's dark. If you have a CD player you could listen to your own music or stories in your den, turning the cd on and off yourself. We would love to see your reading dens so do remember to add a photo onto Tapestry	To watch a time lapse video of the life cycle of the butterfly. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7AUeM8MbaIk	Can you create a dance telling the story of the life cycle of a butterfly? Begin by being a tiny egg on a leaf, you hatch out of the egg as a tiny and very hungry caterpillar, you get bigger and bigger as you eat all the leaves (perhaps you could hide in your den while you are in your cocoon before wriggling your way out of the cocoon as a butterfly. This music is great for this dance https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bihp6gwTdeg



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You could draw a plan of your den before you build it. When you build your den think carefully about how you are going to make it using furniture, materials, pegs etc. Make it as cosy as you can. Take your favourite toys into your den and tell them your very own stories.

Can you create your own symmetrical butterfly paintings? Fold a piece of paper in half, paint on some simple shapes (you need quite a lot of paint) fold the paper again and gentle press down on to the paper while it is still folded, open the paper to reveal your symmetrical pattern.





Make a ribbon stick to twirl shapes in the air as you move and dance around. To do this you will need to attach a long length of ribbon or strip of crepe paper to a stick using masking tape or cello tape. Then simply enjoy moving the stick around to make shapes in the air with the ribbon. This is an excellent way to develop all those arm and hand muscles.