



Continuing Learning at Home

The most effective way to support your child's learning is to spend time talking to them, showing an interest and playing their games. If you would like to talk to your child about what they have been learning at school and help continue their learning there are some ideas below.

English

In English this term we will begin by reading, retelling and sequencing some pirate stories. We will be looking at story language and will be thinking of the key features of the stories such as settings and characters. The children will be writing letters, instructions and labels for their own pictures. They will be encouraged to use their sounds and phonic knowledge as well as using some finger spaces between their words when writing. We will end the term by listening to and writing our own counting poem and creating a pirate story.

At home you could:

- Continue reading with your child on a regular basis.
- Practise phonic sounds and letter names.
- Ask your child to help you write a shopping list.
- Label some objects around your house.
- Reading instructions and noticing their layout e.g. headings, numbers, pictures and diagrams etc.

Mathematics

This term we will be looking at numbers and the number system. We will be counting forwards and backwards to 20, ordering non-consecutive numbers and finding one more and one less than a number to 20. We will use our number recognition to read and solve simple addition and subtraction number sentences and begin to understand the addition and subtraction symbols.

At home you could:

- Look for numbers in the environment and work out where they are in the number system.
- Play a guessing game for estimating objects.
- Ask “tell me the number before...?” or “after...?”
- Ask your child to help solve problems such as “I have three oranges and two bananas – how many pieces of fruit are there altogether?”
- Practise forming their numbers correctly.

Science

Throughout the year we will be looking at seasonal changes. This term we will be learning about Autumn and will be looking at the changes in the trees and weather by going on walks around the school grounds.

At home you could:

- Visit the library and look at a range of non-fiction books about the seasons.
- Visit a forest or go for a walk and look for signs of Autumn.

Handwriting

We will be learning to correctly form the letters of the alphabet in clusters. These are the long ladder letters (l u t i y j), one armed robots (r n m p h k b), curly caterpillars (c a d g q o e s f), and zig zag monsters (z v w x). We will also be learning to write on the line. At home you could:

- Make sure your child holds their pencil correctly.
- Practise writing letters in the correct starting and finishing position in exciting ways e.g. in the air, in sand, in chalk, in bubbles etc.

DT

In DT we will be exploring envelopes and how they are made. We will design and make our own envelopes after we have tested materials and joining methods. At home you could:

- Collect envelopes and take them apart to look at their nets.

Geography

The children will be learning about maps and the countries in the UK and oceans. We will be looking at the 4 countries that make up the UK and finding out about north, east, south and west compass points.

At home you could:

- Look at where Hook is on a map.
- Look at a compass.
- Find a country you have been to on a globe or in an atlas.

Music

In music this term we will be exploring and describing sounds. We will be making sounds and seeing how we can change them.

At home you could:

- Clap in patterns and ask your child to repeat the same pattern.

Computing

We will be learning to recognise the letters on the keyboard to type words. We will also be using Bee-Bots to program a set of directions.

At home you could:

- Help your child to type their name on the computer.
- Give your child some directions to follow e.g. take two steps forward, turn left, take one step forward – where are you?
- Continue to use Purple Mash.

P.E.

This term we will be learning to participate in team games and later in the half term, we will be learning a dance routine to music.

R.E.

We will be learning about water and how it is precious to Christians.

PSHE

We will be thinking about new beginnings and how to work together as a class. The children will also write their own classroom rules in order to ensure everyone stays safe and happy in their new class.

Our topic is...



Pirates

Pirate dress up day is on Friday 25th October.