

Reception School Closure Newsletter

In Reception a lot of the learning that the children do is through play so many of the home learning that we will be suggesting to you will have play at its core. We will aim to communicate with you frequently using Tapestry so please make sure that you are aware of your login details. All parents have been sent an activation email to the email address that was provided by them.

Phonics Hero

Every child has been given a 30 day free trial session for the Phonics Hero website. Once schools close we will let you have your child's log in details via Tapestry as the free trial only lasts 30 days. The website has a wealth of online games for the children to play that are carefully structured to support the phonics that we teach in school. Please explore games from Phase 2 and Phase 3 only. The website address is

<https://www.phonicshero.com/>



Practice phonics. Every day we practice all the sounds. Please do this at home too. They are all the single letters of the alphabet as well as ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, ure, er .

Share books every day. These can be your own books or online books. You could even have a go at writing your own book!

Play lots of games. These can be board games, dominoes, pairs, snap, games from Orchard toys etc. They encourage turn taking, waiting, sharing and learning how to win and lose. They also develop very important communication skills.

Physical skills

We always have activities on offer to develop physical skills. These vary by the day but you can provide similar opportunities at home by playing with playdough, plasticine and rolling dough when making biscuits.

Please also practice scissor and pencil using skills. We have provided a letter formation guide for you.

In P.E. we have started skipping. If you have a skipping rope this would be a wonderful skill to master!

Practice counting down, initially from 10, then 20.

Know those number bonds to 10! So that when someone says "6 and ..." the instant response is "4".

Investigate the properties of shape, (2D and 3D) and be creative at the same time, by building things with junk.

Many of the children really enjoy doing jigsaw puzzles. They are starting to do some really complicated ones with lots of pieces. This might be something you could do together at home.