Hello everyone,

After a fantastic beginning to the new term, we now have a slight hiccup but never mind, I hope you all stay safe and well and look forward to seeing you soon. If you are looking for activities to do with your child over the next 2 weeks, there are some suggestions below. These are in no way compulsory and please use them to your convenience. They are following the learning that we would be starting to cover in Nursery.

**Everyday learning**

* Make a days of the week chart and sing a days of the week song from Cbeebies website.
* Practise recognising your child’s name.
* Go on sight hunts. Make a view finder. Cut out a square of card with a smaller square cut out of the centre. The focus of your hunt can be varied, colours, numbers, shapes, creatures.

**Numbers**

* Depending on your child’s current knowledge, practise recognising numbers 0-10. It may be necessary just to work on 0123 if this is a new area of learning for your child. Older children will be able to work on 0-10. Matching numbers is a good starter activity.
* Practise counting during everyday activities. Count shopping items, washing on the line, shoes in the cupboard.
* Look for numbers around your house.
* Practise recognising amounts up to 10, eg. find 1 red item, 2 blue items, 3 yellow items etc. Make a counting painting using vegetables to print and count.
* Watch Numberblocks on Cbeebies website.
* Sing number songs from Cbeebies website.
* Play simple board games using a dice.

**Phonics/Stories/Talking**

* Read lots of stories with your child and encourage them to tell you the story when they are familiar with it.
* Guess the end of a story.
* Act out a story
* Put flour on a tray and encourage your child to use their finger to write and draw in the flour.
* Begin to write either the initial sound in your child’s name, all the name, both your child’s first name and surname.
* Encourage your child to mark make in any form. Chalk drawing outside, drawing a road map for toy cars, water crayons in the bath, patterns in sand.
* Cbeebies website games.
* *Small talk* website has lots of lovely activities for encouraging communication.

Above anything else, all these activities are aimed at nurturing your child’s love for learning and building their enthusiasm for talking, numbers, reading and writing, so please enjoy them with your child and do them at your child’s level.

Looking forward to seeing you soon. If you need any support at all, please contact me on the following email address. n.exley@springvaleprimary.org

Look forward to seeing you all soon.

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