

## Home learning ideas and recommendations for Reception children

Dear parents,

Please find attached the information we were going to send home on parents evening.

**Phonics:** *Recommend 15 minutes daily.*

We are currently repeating Phase 3 with the majority of children consolidating the recognition of digraphs and trigraphs. Some children have moved onto Phase 4.

**Twinkl** (a teachers website free to parents at the moment) has a great deal of resources to help to teach these important skills and we have recently been playing **Phonics Bloom** ([www.phonicsbloom.com](http://www.phonicsbloom.com)) which the children really enjoy. There is also **Alphablocks** ([www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)) available on iPlayer.

All sounds should be in your child's homework book and in the middle of their reading records.

**Reading:** *Recommend 10 minutes reading daily (child reading) and an adult to read 3 to 4 books a day including those at bed time. Please feel free to log any books your child has read in their reading record.*

**Oxford reading owl** ([www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)) has lots of age related ebooks. A child in line with national expectations in Reception should be reading a Band 3 or 4 book. These books have 2 to 3 sentences per page. This website is also highly recommended: [www.teachyourmonstertoread.com](http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com)

**Singing and rhyming.** *Recommend at least 10 minutes daily.* **BBC website** ([www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)) has traditional rhymes and the children have their poetry folders.

**Writing:** *Recommend between 10 and 30 minutes daily (depending on your child's concentration)* Please encourage your child to write on the line and position them correctly, begin their letters at the top and form them correctly, use capital letters in the correct places. If they are writing a sentence please show them where to put finger spaces and talk about where the full stop comes. A child in line with national expectations is expected to write a sentence by themselves. Many children can write at least 3 sentences by the time they leave Reception. There are lots of ideas on **Twinkl** and you could link writing activities with topics such as those suggested below.

**Topic ideas:** *Recommended time 30 minutes to an hour being creative!*

Ideas: Spring time, Easter, Traditional tales (including Goldilocks, the Gingerbread Man, The Three Little Pigs) News writing/keeping a diary, plants and life cycles of animals such as frogs and caterpillars.

We personally love **Pinterest** ([www.pinterest.co.uk](http://www.pinterest.co.uk)) when planning our topic and creative work as they have some amazing ideas. If you type in 'Early Years' this will also show you some wonderful learning ideas.

**Maths:** recommend at least 15 minutes daily (5 minutes mental maths and 10/15 minutes practise using practical resources and written numbers)

Good Level of development (ELG)

Exceeding

Children count reliably with numbers from one to 20, place them in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number. Using quantities and objects, they add and subtract two single-digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer. They solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing.

**Numbers:** Children estimate a number of objects and check quantities by counting up to 20. They solve practical problems that involve combining groups of 2, 5 or 10, or sharing into equal groups.

If your child can do these skills (ELG) please look at the exceeding statements to extend your child's knowledge and understanding. Good website include: [www.ictgames.com](http://www.ictgames.com)

**Numberblocks** on CBeebies are great for teaching key skills which you can then follow up with mental and mathematical practical skills.

**Where to put the work:** Please post any of your learning on **Tapestry**. If you do not have access to Tapestry then please take photos and perhaps put them into a journal. You are more than welcome to use the homework books to put in any work that your child does and if they learn a new rhyme or poem put in into their poetry folder.

We hope to be able to share all of these wonderful learning experiences in the near future. In the meantime please keep safe.

Very best wishes,

The Reception Team

**Twinkl address: They are now posting 'EYFS School Closure Home Learning Resources Packs'**

[www.twinkl.co.uk/offer](http://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer)