

Week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear parents,

Hope you are all well and keeping as sane as you possibly can.

Thank you to those who are posting on Tapestry. If you haven't done so yet please please do so as it's really lovely to see the children and hear about their adventures.

**Some good websites:**

- *A TEACHER SHOWS YOUR CHILD WHAT TO DO*  
[thenational.academy](https://thenational.academy) - some parents have used this site and have commented that it's good to have another adult showing their child what to do. There are some nice ideas to dip in and out of and some parents have used some of the Year 1 lessons too.
- *READING AND PHONICS*  
[oxfordowl.co.uk](https://oxfordowl.co.uk) - this website has lots of ebooks linked to a child's ability and/or age. These include Biff, chip and Kipper stories and books by Julia Donaldson (Songbirds). There is also a range of information texts. At the moment there are lots of ebooks linked to a scheme called Read Write Inc (RWI). We use the captions from this scheme to help children to remember how to form their letters e.g. for m we say Maisie, mountain, mountain as we write it. There's also a simple check to see what ph child phonics your child knows and then it suggests practise books with free downloads.

There are lots of YouTube stories, poetry and phonics lessons linked to RWI.

- *TOPICS THAT YOUR CHILD MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN*  
[aceearlyyears.com](https://aceearlyyears.com) - a teachers website that provides activities and suggestions for topics such as dinosaurs and mini-beasts (which we know some of you have been busy studying at home)
- *IDEAS FOR APPS*  
[hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk](https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk) - suggests age appropriate activities and 'quality marked' selection of apps.

*One suggestion is:*

[teachyourmonstertoread.com](https://teachyourmonstertoread.com) - lots of parents have bought this app which is currently on offer for £2.99. It's simply a good way to help your child to learn how to read and you can choose which level to start at.

If you have found any good websites or apps please do let us know and we can pass these on to other parents.

## **Maths fun!**

White Rose Maths is a teachers paradise as the website is created by a team of highly experienced and passionate maths teaching experts. If you search '[White Rose Maths home learning](#)' it will bring up a series of maths lessons online for each year group.

One of our summer texts is Supertato by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet. We would have made links with Maths and White Rose Maths has got some great ideas. Here is the series of lessons it suggests:

*They are laid out online in a colourful, easy to read manner and a teacher reads out each page and sings the days of the week songs.*

**Day 1:** Sing days of the week

Make a trap for the Evil Pea.

In “Supertato” the Evil Pea is up to no good. We must keep him frozen! See if you can make your own trap for him! Have a look around the house for something you could make a trap for him with!

Use your maths skills to make a trap. Remember he is small so what might you have to make sure he doesn't escape? Could you use a box? Remember we just want to trap him so he will need holes to breath! Do we need to check he is in there? How will we see? Check in your freezer – do you have any peas in there? What other vegetables need to be frozen to keep them in control? Could you make a list of all your frozen veggies? How many do you have? Are the bags full or half full?

**Day 2:** Sing days of the week

The Evil Pea says he is the best teacher! He has spread lots of maths facts around the supermarket but they are not all correct. Can you be like Supertato and find the right ones to teach the veggies the correct maths?

- A square has 4 sides
- A triangle has 2 sides
- 6 is bigger than 8
- 2 peas and 4 peas is 6 altogether
- 2 peas and 2 peas is 5 altogether
- The number 2 is before the number 5
- 2 is the smallest number
- 5 and 5 peas makes 10 altogether

**Day 3:** Days of the week songs

Veggies assemble for the Great Race In “Supertato Run Veggies Run” the veggies are having a sports day to keep fit. Set up your own veggie race. Discover which veggies roll the best!

Have a look and assemble your veggies! What different kinds have you got? Who is going to compete in the race? Make your own racetrack! This could be a big one outside or a mini race for peas on the table. Have you got something for a finish line? Take turns to roll each of your veggies or roll together with a grown up or someone else in your house. Who is the winner? Let us know the best rollers!

Race yourself! Why not use your time outside to set your own challenges just like the veggies. Their sports were Running, jumping and spinning!

Set yourself some challenges. How many jumps on 2 feet can you do in a minute? Get a grown up to set their phone timer. How many on 1 foot? How many spins can you do? Don't get dizzy! Can you run on the spot for one minute. Video yourself doing some of our challenges.

#### **Day 4:** Days of the week song

Potato Pattern Prints Create superhero-like art by printing with your potatoes! Use different colours to make patterns. You might want to assemble other veggies and use them to print with.

Grown ups please help your child to cut potatoes in half. (Remember you can use up the sprouty ones for this!) If you can, pick potatoes of different sizes so you can talk about large and small designs. If using other veg talk about what size and shape you think that might make e.g. a carrot, a circle – a big circle at the top and a little one if we use the bottom. Find some colours of paint and some paper to print on. Get printing, talking about position, printing in groups, use of colour, shape and how much space between your prints.

When you have had fun exploring the printing look closer to see if you can make some patterns.

Talk about how to make patterns looking at colour and shape. Can you make a repeating pattern (We call this an AB pattern.) Such as by colour, for example, yellow green, yellow green, yellow green. Or by size, big little, big little, big little. It's important to use pattern examples with 3 units of repeat like this. Can you fit shapes together in different ways? Grown ups you can also help to make more complex shape printers by cutting the veg a bit more!

Instead of buying wrapping paper for gifts, encourage your child to make their own! All you need is some regular white paper. By taping the pages together on the back, you can create wrapping paper that's as big or as small and you need it to be, and it'll be completely one-of-a-kind! If you don't want to use paper you could use an old tea shirt and fabric paints to make a Tato T!

#### **Day 5:** Days of the week songs

Growing potatoes! Do you know how else potatoes are super? Well if you plant a sprout potato it grows more potatoes! This takes 100 days.

So first you will need to pick a potato that is sprouting – Have a look in your veggie rack. Plant your potato where you choose in a big pot or in the garden. If you don't have soil you can still watch the potato grow by putting it in a jam jar. Mark off the days on your 100 square day by day. When you get to 100 see how many potatoes you have! There is one on the next slide for you. Also did you know if you cut the top off a carrot and put it in a saucer of water you can make its shoots grow – looks a little like its growing hair!

Your Own Superhero In the story "Supertato Veggies Assemble" all the veggies become super! Why not make your own veggies at home into superhero's?

Grown ups supply paper, card/glue or whatever you want to make your own super vegetables. Don't forget your superhero cape! Give your super veggie a name. Can you take a picture and list your veggie's super powers. What might these be? For example, 1. Super squishing power. 2. Power to make people smile. 3. Super tickler!

Or...would you prefer your veggies to be evil like the pea – a villain! What would your evil powers be?

Even though this looks like a lot of reading the website makes it's very easy to follow. As you can see the activities are very creative. If you haven't got Supertato you can always access the story on line.

Take some time (if you can) to explore these websites with your child. They are easy and fun to use.

Please send us any messages, questions or ideas via Tapestry and we will reply when we are able to.

Keep safe

The Reception team