

# Home learning!

Here are some suggestions of activities to complete at home. We have also added some further maths, literacy and other activities on the school VLE.

## Reading

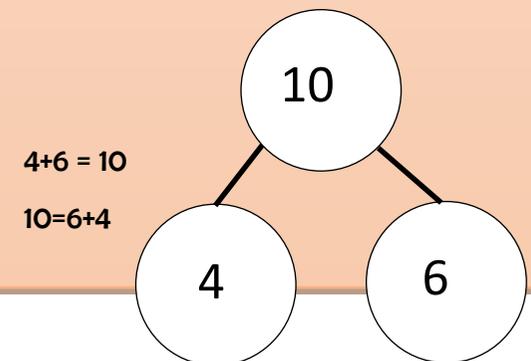
- Share well loved and new stories. Enjoy them together! Spot any words your child can read and let them have a turn. If the book is simple enough, you read one page and your child read the next. Look at the pictures and make up your own story.
- Flash cards are brilliant! Have tricky words or decodable words (that can be sounded out) stuck or hidden around the house. Can you find the word X? Walk around the house – what does that word say? If this is too easy, hide simple sentences. OR have them in one room – can you run to the word X? OR have lots stuck in one place – can you point to the word X?
- There are lots of reading books available at <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>. This is a free service but you will have to make an account and log in to access the books. Once you have logged in, select 'Oxford Owl at Home' and select the e-book you want to read. In FS, we read books from the lilac, pink, red and yellow book bands. <https://www.getepic.com/promo> also has a free 30 day trial with lots of books to share (you will need to create an account).
- <https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/> has lots of phonics related games and is currently free with the username **march20** and the password **home**.

## Writing

- Use folded paper and make your own book – share the writing and drawing and work on the story together!
- Practise beautiful Sketchley Script.
- Write an email to a friend or relative.
- Keep a simple diary of the things you do each day.
- Draw a picture and get your child to write a sentence that matches it - don't forget capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. If this is too tricky, try with single words. You could make these into little card with a picture on one side, the word on the other and use them as games for later. Can you read the word? How do you sound this word out etc? If you did two of each, you could play snap or a matching game.
- Look at pictures in a book—can you write a sentence about it?
- If you need a purpose to encourage writing, these can be brought back and shared with the class later or sent to friends or relatives (you could take a picture and send it).

## Maths

- Coin hunt - how many different types of coins can you find in your house? How much are they worth? Are any from different countries? Play shops and use the money to buy things!
- Shape discovery—which different 2D and 3D shapes can you find around the house? Explore their different properties. What are the similarities and differences between these shapes? Can you sort them in different ways?
- Practise writing your numbers up to 20 (and beyond). Make sure that they are all the right way round.
- Find and count loads of different things in your house. Who has more? Who has less? Which ones are bigger/smaller/taller/shorter/longer/heavier/lighter?
- Practise adding and taking away using the part, part whole model. Can you write a number sentence? Focus on the number bonds to 10 (how many different ways can you make 10?).



## Getting Active

- How many (star jumps, hops etc) can you do in 1 minute?
- Build an obstacle course
- Try yoga or stretching
- Our favourites on Youtube: Cosmic kids yoga and GoNoodle (especially kookoo kangaroo). Joe Wicks (The Body Coach) also has a selection of children's activities.
- Put some music on and get dancing!
- Get out in the garden, go for a walk or jump on your bike/scooter etc.

## Get Creative!

- Use junk in your house to make something new.
- Get the lego out and get building.
- Challenge each other to make things out of construction or play dough. Can you make a dragon etc?
- If you have the ingredients, get baking or get your child involved with the cooking.
- We've put recipes for playdough or salt dough on the VLE. If you make salt dough, you can create, cook, paint and keep it! If you have the ingredients, we've also put an easy recipe (Using only a table-spoon) for cookies on the VLE.
- Play board games together. This teaches taking turns, sharing and communication skills.
- Engage in role play – pretend to be at school, at the shop, even at the cinema! You could use real money to simulate buying things and get the teddies involved as customers.
- Build a den! What different materials can you use?
- Look at old photos. Can you recognise your relatives? What were times like when your Grandma/Grandad were younger?
- Watch a video on how to make paper aeroplanes. Try and make different ones—which ones fly the best?

## Topic

Some ideas related to our previous and current topics are on the VLE :  
“What does a Trex eat?” and “Can I switch it on?”

Engage in any topics that you and your child are interested in. You could do some research online and find a new interest!

Lots of zoos have webcams to check on their residents – have a virtual school trip! Here are a few with lots of different animals. <https://animals.sandiegozoo.org/live-cams> <https://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams/panda-cam/>

If you have binoculars, try birdwatching! Which different birds can you spot in your garden? If you have a telescope, what can you see in the sky?

Search for minibeasts – how many different types can you find?

Twinkl is currently free for all parents. Go to <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer> , create an account and use the offer code CVDTWINKLHELPS for free access to loads of different resources for all curriculum areas. Click on EYFS for a variety of worksheets and instructions for things to do.

## Technology

- Teach your monster to read – phonics game, free on PC, charged on Android/Apple.
- Lingumi – free app that supports correct speech.
- Lots of games on Cbeebies – apps include Cbeebies storytime and Cbeebies Playtime Island.
- Childrens nursery rhymes, songs and stories online (Youtube etc).
- Educational shows on Cbeebies (Go jettors, octonauts, alphablocks, numberblocks etc).
- Take photos of interesting things around your house. Can you take a picture of something pink? Can you take a picture of something bigger than you? Etc. Get outdoors too, if you can!