

Year Reception - Summer first half – Suggested activities for parents 😊

Week 1 Mon 20th of April to Fri 24th April 2020

Theme – Growing

Question – What is compost?



Exploring the world

This half term we would have been out in the garden everyday 'Exploring the world'. If you have a garden or a yard or go out on your daily exercise you may like to observe what's growing and talk about the changes you see with your child. Upon your return you could ask your child to draw or write about any of the plants that they saw growing or have bloomed already.

Its lovely to see families starting to access Epic books online. If you go to -

www.getepic.com

Students

Select your class

Click on bla408 (Ms Lilley's class)

Click go

click on your child's name

You are then ready to access hundreds of online reading books. If you type in the search bar at the top of the screen and type in 'Fletcher and the springtime blossoms' you will access a lovely audio book that will read to your child.

This half term we would have been exploring compost. Asking questions such as What is it? What's it made from? Why is it good for the plants? What does it look like, smell like, feel like? We would have encouraged families to start bringing into school organic waste to put into our compost bin in the garden...Instead you may like to start your own small composting area in the yard or garden using your own organic kitchen waste such as vegetable peelings, coffee grounds and egg shells. You may like to visit...

You tube – [Composting for kids with Peppa Pig 5:01mins](#) are a lovely episode to get the children involved and teach them about organic recycling.

You tube – [Lets learn about compost! 4.14mins](#) – Oxbow Farm and Conservation Centre read 'Compost Stew'. A charming story of composting from A to Z.

You tube – [CBeebies: Mr Bloom’s Nursery – Compost song 1:18m](#) is a fun little tune about composting to listen to.

On the web - <https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?pid=444> is a lovely website for adults to help you get started 😊

Writing

Just like Barnaby Bear your child may like to choose one of their own teddies to help document daily or weekly adventures in and around your home and garden/yard. Making their own ‘Adventures book’. With your support your child could draw, write or paint your families composting journey or simply draw, paint or write about daily activities linked to being healthy everyday... just like Barnaby Bear does! You may start a diary and write one fact a day based on something you have done or helped out with in the home or garden.

You tube – [Barnaby Bear visits...](#) -There’s lots of lovely little 14-minute episodes following Barnaby Bears adventures visiting new places across the world that you might like to view.

Supported by a family member you may like to practice writing you first and your second name

Phonics

Week 1 we would have taught –

X as in six, fox and Max

qu as in quack, quick and queen

On the web you can access work to complete from [Twinkl.com](https://www.twinkl.com) linked to x and qu sounds.

or

You Tube – there’s lots to view linked to x and qu here’s a few to get you started...

every day. Adults remember that when supporting your child... tall letters should be tall, small letters should be small and fall letters fall below the line. Capital letters should always be tall! Have a go 😊

[Geraldine the giraffe learns /x/ sound. 4.17mins](#)

[Phonics. Learn to read. Superhero x/ Alpha blocks. 11.08mins](#)

[Learn the letter x. Jack Hartmann. 3.51mins](#)

[Phonics. Learn to read. The q needs u song. 2.06 mins](#)

AlphablocksQu – quick. 5.06mins

Geraldine the giraffe learns /qu/ sound. 3.55mins

You may like to share stories with the x and qu sound in them.

At home you may have stories such as 'The Gingerbread Man' (includes the sly fo**X** character) or traditional tales that include **qu**eens.

Or you might like to log back on to -

- www.getepic.com
- Students
- Select your class
- Click on bla4080 (Ms Lilley's class)
- click on your child's name
- Then type into the search bar at the top of the screen 'My q sound box'.

You will then access Jane Belk Moncure's Sound Box Books to share with your child linked to the sound 'q'. Then after that if you would like to type in to the search bar –

'Quana and Quinn the sound of Q' another lovely story will appear for you to share with your child to consolidate the 'q' sound learning.

You may also like to read similar texts linked to the '**X**' sound. Just repeat the above sequence typing into the search bar 'My x sound box' and you will access another Jane Belk Moncure's text linked to the sound 'x'. Later you may like to type into the search bar 'The Gingerbread Man' to consolidate the x sound in the word fox. There are a number of Gingerbread man stories to choose from on the Epic book's website. It's great to see that some families are already accessing this wonderful **free** resource. I will also reference further books via the epic books website that you may like to read with your child within my weekly activities 😊

High frequency tricky words

Week 1 - In line with our schools reading scheme we would have taught the HFTW –

- the
- ball
- begun
- here
- match

You may like to write these words down and make flash cards. Or your child may want to write them down and make their own set of flashcards.

Some words we just have to know because they are 'tricky' to build.

Flash cards are a simple way to periodically show to your child the word, repetition is key. Keep them up on the fridge or somewhere prominent so that your child will see them every day. Reading them little and often to remember them is key 😊

Mathematics

As a whole school we follow the 'White Rose Mastery Maths' approach starting from Reception.

The White Rose Maths Team have been very busy putting together '**Home learning**' programs for every year group including reception. Parents and carers can engage with these lovely activities at home. Starting with **Summer Term – Week 1**.

So, here's how you access all their '**FREE**' fabulous maths activities...

- Google – Type in...
- White Rose Home Learning
- Click on White Rose Home Learning
- The screen will come up with ...
- 'Hello there parents and carers'
- Click on the pink rectangle that says 'Early Years'
- Click on the pink '**Summer Term – Week 1**'

You will be presented with 5 days' worth of math activities.

Week 1 is based on the story 'Supertato'.

If you don't have this book at home you can choose to view it via [You Tube](#) –

- **SUPERTATO - AUDIO BOOK WITH PICTURES** (4.52 mins)

Day 1 you can choose to make 'Jelly Traps'

Day 2 you can choose to be an 'Evil Pea Teacher'

Day 3 you can choose to 'Roll veggies' and 'Set your own challenges using a timer on a family members phone'

Day 4 you can choose to make 'Potato Prints' and make Repeating Patterns'

Day 5 you can choose to 'Grow your own potatoes' and 'Make your own superhero!'

Math games lending bags

I'm saddened that we are unable to provide our 'Maths games lending library bags' to our children at this present time ... but following the 'Mastery Maths' approach at home we can still play with dice, dominoes or board games at home... especially if you don't have access to White Rose Home Learning on the internet. This will continue to develop your child's number sense to - count up, count on, count back, count in twos, five's or ten's, double, halve or share.

Early years 'Orchard Toys' math games, Snakes and ladders, Domino sets and any suitable Board games that include dice will all encourage mathematical skills. 2 dice in a game will encourage counting on or addition skills and landing on a snake in Snakes and Ladders will encourage counting back or subtraction skills. Board games are very good for children to count beyond 10 or 20, recognise the numerals, and view their correct sequential order sometimes up to 50 even 100.

Using a dice helps young children to see patterns. Eventually young children have the ability to not even count the spots on a dice this is called 'subitising' – when they can just see the pattern of the spots and 'just know' how many. All of the above are building strong mathematical foundations for the future.

Have a good look in the cupboards, under the beds and in the loft to see what you might have 😊

Make your own

Alternatively, you might like to make up your own dice games or make your own set of dominoes that you and your child could make from cardboard off cereal packets 😊

Egg boxes that have holes for 6, 10, 12, 15 or more eggs are brilliant as counting boxes for sets of small objects.

Egg boxes for 10 eggs are fab for makeshift 'ten frames'. For more ideas on how to use egg boxes for maths ideas you may wish to type into Google -

- <https://lessons4littleones.com/2016/04/22/egg-carton-math-game-egg-carton-ten-frames/>

This is a charming little website that has lots of ideas linked to using egg boxes in a fun early years mathematical way. Enjoy!

Physical development

Via [You Tube Joe Wickes has been delivering 20 min PE](#) workouts for children and the whole family to follow every day from 9.00am. If you miss him at 9.00 his workouts are available on You Tube to watch later in the day. I've been accessing them in my lounge with my boy James and they are a lot of fun and certainly get the heart rate going!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This week in school we would have begun our Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning program (S.E.A.L.) based on 'Relationships and feelings.

There are some wonderful stories linked to how we might be feeling by an author called Todd Parr. Via You tube you may choose to engage with his lovely, feel good stories aimed at children. Each week I'll suggest a new story for you to view with your child to then talk about afterwards. The first one I thought was very important considering these challenging times -

- The Don't Worry Book by Todd Parr

(3.22mins)

At the end of the video Todd suggests that you might like to draw a picture or make your own book. You might like to draw a picture or make a book of all the people that love and take care of you.

People and Communities

It is St Georges Day on Thurs 23rd of April. If you would like to mark the occasion there are lots of activities to access via Twinkl.com. Some of the ideas on Twinkl don't have to be printed off they could just be starting points for you to do in the home in your own way. Here are a few ideas to get you started...

- EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) all about St George's Day Information Power point
- St George and the dragon story PowerPoint – you may like to view with your child first then complete one of the activities below.
- St George's day simple sentence writing prompt picture activity sheets
- St George's day board game
- St George's day colour by number
- Design a coat of arms shield
- Design a dragon
- Design a dragon egg

Staying with the 'Dragon theme' - You may like to access 'www.getepic.com' again...following the log in procedure written up earlier for you under the heading Phonics. Once logged on click onto-

epic/originals 'Kitty and the Dragon'

You will then be presented with '2 - read to me stories in the early reader series' that you may like to share with your child –

1. **Kitty and Dragon**
2. **Kitty and Dragon: Kitty gets cold**

If you are lucky enough to have a toy castle to play with at home you might want to set this up to play with this week. At school we call this 'small world play'. Supported by a family member your child could try to re-tell St Georges story or let their own imaginations make up their own stories!

Via [Twinkl.com](https://www.twinkl.com) you may like to type 'Images of castles' into the search bar. These pictures could give you and your child ideas of how they could design then make their own castle in the home or garden/yard using house hold items. When my boy James was in reception, he was always making dens/ castles in the lounge, bedroom or yard using piled up cushions, storage boxes, blankets and in the yard, bamboo canes! Over the years I've found household pegs are a great way to attach things together.

This week would be a great opportunity for your child to dress up as a Knight, Princess or Dragon. Have fun!

Ramadan

Ramadan starts on April 23rd and lasts till 23rd of May.

If you would like to find out more about Ramadan go to [You Tube](https://www.youtube.com). The BBC have produced a lovely little animation called 'The five pillars of Islam/Religions of the world. BBC Teach 3.51mins.' if you would like your child to know more about Ramadan.

Further activities/ideas can be accessed via [Twinkl.com](https://www.twinkl.com) from April 23rd though to May 23rd. Here's a few to get you started...

- EYFS all about Ramadan PowerPoint – to view
- Rameena's Ramadan eBook – to view

Follow up activities via [Twinkl.com](https://www.twinkl.com) could include...

- Rameena's Ramadan I spy and count activity to 20
- Eid colouring sheets
- Ramadan Lantern paper craft
- Ramadan paper plate moon and star decoration craft instructions

Anzac Day

Some families may already know that I used to live in Australia and New Zealand. Every year Australians and NZ families mark the occasion called Anzac Day on April the 25th. This year it falls on a Saturday. Anzac Day is a very important day in the Australian and NZ calendar just like Remembrance Day is in the UK and across Europe on November 5th.

It is traditional for Australian and NZ families to make Anzac biscuits on the 25th of April to remember the Anzac Troops and the soldiers that fell during the Gallipoli Campaign in 1915.

If you and your child would like to know a little bit more about the Anzac Troops you may like to go to [You Tube](#) and view a special edition reading for ANZAC Day for children, with historic information and archive photos at the end. Aimed at the younger age group this poignant and sensitively written book introduces the meaning of Anzac Day through a battered teddy bear that a young boy cherishes.

- [Anzac Ted - Read Aloud including education material and photos. Nana Kates Corner](#)
4.57mins

Anzac Biscuits are a true Australian tradition. Originally made to send to the Australian and New Zealand Troop during WW1. If you would like to try making these simple yet very yummy biscuits with your child here is the link to Steve's Kitchen via [You Tube](#)...

- [Anzac Biscuit's – A simple recipe. 3.39mins](#)

Ms Lilley will have more activities for you to choose from the week beginning Monday the 27th via Easington C of E Primary Schools Website. In the meantime,

Stay Safe Everyone

Ms Lilley 😊