

Hello!

Here are a few more ideas for learning at home over the next few weeks, which we would have been covering in Early Years during the next half term.

Literacy

Please find attached words for the children to read with **4 sounds** rather than the usual 3. For those of you who have been using Phonics Play, these will be found in the Phase 4 area. All of these words contain four single sounds (i.e. no digraphs in this first set of words) and as long as the children listen carefully for all four sounds, they shouldn't be too difficult to read with a little practise.

I am also sending the new **tricky words** which are the last set for Early Years, remember that the children can't use their sounds to decode these although the first letter is always a clue.

Useful websites

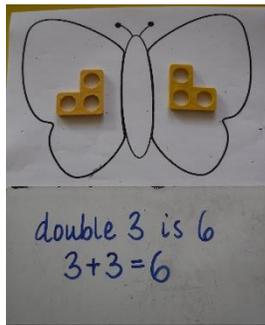
Phonics play.co.uk

Epicphonics.com

Teach your monster to read.com

Maths

In maths we would have been exploring **doubling** this half term using butterflies to help us. You can use your Numicon tiles to support this by choosing 2 of the same tiles and then counting the total number of holes. Holding up the same number of fingers on each hand is perfect up to double 5 too. In the classroom, we would often say that 2 of the same things was 'double trouble' so the children may remember this. Some children may begin to remember some doubles without needing to count.



We would be revisiting **repeating patterns** and as we have already talked about this in class it shouldn't be too tricky. Again, this would be done practically so you could thread the Numicon pegs in repeating patterns. You could start the pattern for your child to continue and then maybe they could start one for you.



Useful website

Topmarks.co.uk

There are some repeating pattern games in the 3-5 section as well as some excellent games to practice number skills.

Understanding the World

This half term we were planning to plant broad beans, discussing how they grow **from seed to bean**.

We would have been leaning about the **life cycles** of butterflies and frogs too.

There are lots of great real life You Tube videos that demonstrate these changes over time. I am also attaching a couple of diagrams to support.

Weather permitting, we would always be on the lookout for **minibeasts** so keep your eyes peeled for different types of bugs too.

Finally, please remember that playing games, sharing stories, building, drawing, colouring, tracing, painting, exercising and generally having fun are all so important and are things that we would have been doing in Early Years too!

I hope that you are all safe and well.

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