

Preparing for School... Activities - July 2014

One of the most important stages or transitions in a child's life is getting ready for school, and understanding that the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 curricula follow the Early years Foundation Stage in the continuum of a child's education. It is important for parents to understand the importance of their child's development in all aspects of learning.

As some of you may already know, to help you understand the areas of learning and development we now have a list of "Preparing for School... Activities" which are added to our blog each month along with our weekly planning.

They include a variety of activities designed to promote learning letters and numbers. All of which you can do at home if you have the resources, or you can adapt them. We encourage all parents to have a look at our activities as these may help you with continuing your child's development at home and preparing for school readiness.

To promote working with parents in partnership we will now be adding "Preparing for School... Activities" to our blog each month. This will give you new up-to-date learning and development activities you can use within your home and they will be loosely linked to our termly topics. We will also be creating an additional page on our website called "Learning at Home", which will slowly build up a document bank of everything we have shared on our weekly blog.

With our over 2's we are currently singing along to Jolly Phonics, and counting to 20 every day using number cards so that the children can begin to recognise numbers, and match numbers with their number name. This is something fun and repetitive you could also do at home.

How about finding objects in your house that match the letter sounds of the alphabet, for example, can you find anything beginning with the letter 'a'. If your child is stuck, help them out, give them clues and help them to sound out the word. This will come in very handy when your child starts to make the transition to school.