

Communication & Language

- Read a variety of stories and non-fiction books with your child.
- Chat to your child about what they have done at school or on a day out to help them develop conversational skills.
- Take time to explain new and interesting words to your child.

Religious Education

- Visit places of worship, either to pray or just to look around.
- Tell your child bible stories, or there are lots of videos available on youtube.
- Celebrate cultural and religious events of your family and of other communities.

Literacy

- Keep reading with your child as often as you can. Let them see you reading and enjoying books too.
- Before reading, look at the book cover and talk about what might happen in the story. During reading, ask what questions your child has about the story. After reading, talk about what happened and ask them to sum it up and relate the story to what they already know or have experienced.
- Use the sound books we send from school to help your child recognise letters and sounds and help them to practise writing them correctly.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Let your child join in with your activities - for example, sorting the washing or putting things away in the right place - as this makes them feel that they are capable and competent.
- Encourage your child to do things for others, giving away old toys, for example or supporting a charity.
- Encourage your child to have a go at things and help them to understand that it is alright to get things wrong and that they can try again and again. This will help them to develop perseverance.



Mathematics

- Use building bricks to model simple addition, subtraction and multiplication, or use toys to make comparisons of size or quantity .
- In real life situations ask questions like ' How many more spoons will we need?' Or 'How many pencils are missing?'
- Look at symmetrical patterns and shapes.

Physical Development

- Play games like football and cricket together or take your child to sports training or a dance class.
- Encourage your child to be active! Whatever activities they enjoy.
- Encourage your child to make healthy choices with food and to use a knife and fork correctly. Help them develop good habits of sleep and hygiene.

Understanding the World

- Children are curious about the things that they see in nature, such as family pets and other animals, insects, birds, plants and the weather. They can learn about the natural world by you talking to them about what they see and hear and being able to observe first- hand where possible.
- Visit or use books and technology to look at different types of environments. This might include beaches, the countryside, farms, a waterfall, rivers and the jungle.
- Share non-fiction books together so that children can find out about real places, people and living things.

Expressive Arts & Design

- Talk about colours you see in more detail – look at the different shades of colours you find around the house or when out and about.
- Go for a visit to a local gallery to look at the pictures there. Encourage your child to think about what you saw when they are painting or drawing at home.
- Keep singing! Encourage your child to clap or move in time to the rhythm.