

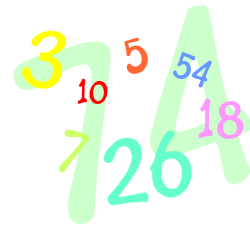
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Learning Journeys

We would like everyone to know we have an open door policy should anyone wish to come in and discuss how their child is progressing. Learning journeys can be looked at and discussed. This does not have to be during session time, as all members of staff are flexible on this matter.

Chair-Jack Luxford

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Helping with reading: 3 to 5

How to start

Read yourself! Set a good example by showing your child that you read. Point out words all around you. Tell your child what they say. Look at road signs, packets and shopping lists. Use books as toys. Keep tough board books in the toy box and play with them together. Buy a bath book. Visit your library – it's free to join! All libraries have children's sections and most local libraries have a storytelling session for the under-fives every week. Make time to read. Why not share a story every night? Make it as much a part of bedtime as brushing teeth. Keep books in your bag. A long wait in the doctor's surgery or at the bus stop can seem less boring if you share a book. If English is not your family's first language: You can buy dual language books. You can talk about books and stories in any language. How to help with reading. Look at the pictures. Ask lots of questions about the pictures and the story. Spot words in books. How many times do familiar words come up? Follow the words with your finger. This will help your child to learn them. Spot letters. Encourage your child to spot the letters of their name in writing they see. Turn off the TV! It's easier for your child to concentrate on the story when there are no distractions.

Let them pretend to read. Young children often like to pretend to read by making up the story themselves.

This is a great start.

Teach them how to treat books. Teach your child how to hold books and turn the pages gently. Let them read their favourites. Don't worry if they want to read the same books over and over. It's good practice.

Don't read for too long. A good ten minutes is better than a difficult half hour.

Happy Reading

NOTICE BOARD

Committee Meeting: This Thursday at 6pm.... Everyone Welcome...
Volunteers Urgently Needed...

At 11.45am and 2.45pm every day we have stories or rhymes, why not come in and join us, you could bring your child's favourite book along for us all to enjoy.

RAG BAG, should you have any clothes items you do not want we are always on going with our collecting. Help raise some money for your preschool.

Parking in front of the school gates is not permitted as access is needed at all times.

Please could everyone check their children for head lice and treat if necessary.
Could parents be reminded not to put anything with nuts in lunch boxes please.

Wiltshire Family Learning

Top tips for talking

How you can help.....

Take time to watch and listen to your child play and find out what interests them.

Why?

Because you can use this information to encourage talk and introduce new words.

So try to.....

Sit next to your child and let them decide what to play - follow their lead. "oh you've put your teddies all in a row. Are they on a bus?"

Listen to what they say and repeat back to them, adding one or two words.

"Thomas blue"

"Yes Thomas is blue"

Term Ends Friday 10th February

Starts back on Monday 20th February

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