

Early Years Newsletter



With the newsletter this week we have included...

- A complex speed sounds chart for exploring alternative graphemes (letters) for one phoneme (sound).
- A reminder of the letter formation stories with handwriting practise sheets.
- A maths subtraction activity.

The sheets are to use as, and when you wish. We hope you find them useful.

St Mary's Church visit

Next Thursday (14th May) Miss Heads' class will be visiting St Mary's Church for a story and some play. We'd really appreciate your help on the walks there and back. Many thanks.



Following a 2 day course, both Miss Parker and Mrs Strong now have a full Paediatric First Aid qualification. Some useful information was circulated at the training, some of which we have photocopied for your information.

Subtraction - This week we have used various methods to subtract numbers, including using numicon. These online subtraction activities might inspire you at home...

<http://www.iboard.co.uk/iwb/Simple-Subtraction-Stories-720>

<http://www.rabbittakeaway.co.uk/activity/>

We have attached a cookie subtraction sheet too. The image below shows how to use it...



In phonics we have been using a *Sentence Substitution* game. This is a great resource for building confidence in reading and making sense of words. I'm sure the children will love to show you how it works.

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/SentSubPhase4.html>

This is a game you can play without a computer.

1. Write a sentence for your child to read.
2. Rub one of the words out and substitute it for another.
3. Ask your child to re-read the sentence. Does it make sense?
4. Continue substituting words one at a time. Remember to be deliberately silly with words!

Please remember...

We don't expect you to do all the activities suggested in the newsletter! Choose the activities which will best support your child in terms of their progress towards the Early Learning Goals.

Week beginning: 4.5.15