

Early Years Newsletter



This week we have been learning more about blending to read. You will have received reading material and cards which help children to learn this key skill. As the majority of children understand the sounds they see, we are helping them to blend the letters together to hear the words.

A key teaching tip at home is to ensure children follow the words with their finger so they are actually looking at the words and not just learning the story by rote.

Don't forget although the book maybe short there are other key reading skills you could be challenging children with during the week. See the link below for ideas to be using during the week.

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/sites/default/files/images/I-spy-a-picture-book.pdf>



Some water bottles are not named and the children are finding it difficult to find theirs. Can you please send in named bottles? Thank you

In Number work this week we have been adding one more. Try this at home through everyday activities.

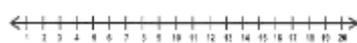
We have six toys if we add one more?

We have three plates if we add one more how many would there be?

How many more of Do we need? (This helps to reinforce the language of more).

For extra challenge try adding two or three more? (Techniques such as fingers for counting or a number line may help this. See below for help at home.)

<http://www.mumsnet.com/learning/maths/number-lines-explained>



We are intending on going on an autumn walk around the estate on the 21st October. We really need your help to assist the children. If you are free could you let a member of staff know. We need one adult for four children.

Week Beginning 28.9.15

These are all suggested ideas to support your child at home. Please do not feel that you have to use all of these ideas



The children really want to help a hedgehog and other animal's this winter.

See:

<http://natureswayforkids.co.uk/1425/news/make-a-hedgehog-home>

Send us your pictures.

We have been learning about hibernation this week. Percy the Park Keeper has been helping us.

WHY HELP HEDGEHOGS?

Numbers are declining rapidly, around 50% in the last 15 years due to loss of habitat and dangers in the garden.

They eat slugs and grubs so they will help protect your plants and veggies without needing to use chemicals.

Lots of hedgehogs die over winter, so providing them with food in autumn when they are preparing for hibernation (December-April) is a great help.