

Nursery Learning at Home

Dear Nursery children, we hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well. While you are away from school, it is important to practise the skills we have been learning and to do some of your own learning at home.

Here is some information to help you get started with your online learning, with details about the two nursery Google Classrooms and lots of links and online resources for you to explore.

Google Classrooms

The school website has information about how to sign up and how to log in for the first time. We have set up two nursery Google classrooms so that we can all keep in touch online and carry on learning together. Parents - you will find your child's username and password stuck inside the front cover of their homework book.

- If you are in Larch class (with Miss Wallis) your Google classroom is called **Larch** and the code to join it is **jbbv3cz**.
- If you are in Laurel class (with Miss Livingston) your Google classroom is called **Laurel** and the code to join it is **dqml7bw**.

We will be adding to the Google Classrooms every day so make sure you keep checking. Children, we are really looking forward to seeing your work!

Reading - activity ideas and links

- Read and share books every day
- Children - be the teacher and help your class of teddies/dolls/action figures to learn to read, just like we do in nursery!
- Parents - stories are important - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/joinin/how-stories-help-children-develop>
- Here is a CBeebies storytime app <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/cbeebies-storytime-app>
- The Alphablocks series on CBeebies is a great introduction to using Phonics for reading and writing <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b01cz0p1/alphablocks>
- Oxford Reading Buddy has lots of great story books and quizzes. Each child has been assigned books by their teacher. You will find your child's username and password stuck inside the front cover of their homework book <https://www.oxfordreadingbuddy.com/uk> and our school code is **mcbxn**.
- There are some more lovely stories available here - <https://www.storylineonline.net/>
The Book Trust has a great selection of interactive books and stories that you can read, watch and listen to. You will recognise lots of our favourite stories from nursery! Use this link or search for the Book Trust. <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/> and <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/hometime-for-your-child/>
- The Oxford Owl bookshop has a huge range of eBooks. Register for free and then explore. <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/>

- Hundreds of free audiobooks for children and some songs are available on the Audible website. <https://stories.audible.com/discovery>
- Some phonics activities are available at <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/twinkl-go/eyfs-twinkl-go>

Writing - activities, ideas and links

- Practise writing your name, remember to use only one capital letter. Can you write the names of your friends from nursery too?
- Scribble, play and make marks on different types of paper and card - you could use scrap paper, old cards, envelopes, magazines or cut up boxes
- Cbeebies has some very useful information for parents here about writing and mark making, <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/its-not-just-scribbling-its-mark-making> and it also includes lots of great links
- Join Squiglet as he writes letters, draws pictures and other squiggles on CBeebies - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/get-squiggling>
- Can you create lots of different marks? Can you draw circles and lines and crosses? Can you draw a zigzag from left to right across the paper? Can you tell someone at home what your writing means?
- Write a letter (remember that squiggles, marks and scribbles are great) to your teacher, a family member or famous person about the things you are doing at home
- Make a list of your favourite things or the things you would like to do when you get back to nursery
- Write a menu for dinner or a shopping list of all your favourite food
- Drawing helps to keep your hands strong and gives you lots of things to talk to your grown ups about
- Using play dough will also help to strengthen all the muscles in your fingers, hands and wrists which will help with your writing development. It is also great fun to make and to play with! Here is a nice, easy recipe for play dough with a video tutorial to help. <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/playdough-recipe>

Our new topic is Sound

- How many animal sounds can you make? Can you roar like a lion and squeak like a mouse? Here is a quiz about Farm Animal sounds to get you started <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/puzzles/down-on-the-farm-animal-sounds-quiz>
- What sounds can you make using your different parts of your body?
- Close your eyes for one minute - what can you hear?
- Open the window - what can you hear outside? Can you hear birds, animals, vehicles, people, aeroplanes?

Maths - activities, ideas and games

- Explore and enjoy numbers with Numberblocks on CBeebies - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>
- Play Numberblocks games - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/games/numberblocks-make-and-play?collection=fun-activities-for-toddlers-and-preschoolers>
- Here are some more maths games - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting>
- Make patterns with household objects or some of your favourite toys
- Make number cards (0 - 10) and order them, play our Missing Number game or make two sets and play Snap
- Use these great animated nursery rhymes to practise reciting numbers in order <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-counting-songs/zn67kmn>
- Play simple dice games
- Can you find all the numbers from 0 to 10 somewhere in your home?
- Carefully count your favourite toys, remember to use one number name for each toy
- Play snap, card games and board games
- Make a shop or cafe and use real coins and scrap paper to make prices and signs

PE - some ideas, links and games

It's very important that we stay active. Use the links below to keep fit and healthy and have fun!

- The NHS Change for Life site has lots of great indoor exercises and games for children - <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/activities>
- Explore these videos to find the ones you like best to join in with - <https://family.gonoodle.com/>
- Can you invent your own dance? Can you practise it and perform it to everyone at home?
- Here are some great exercises and games for children from the NHS, there are plenty of ideas for indoor exercises <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/activities>
- Dance and have fun with the Kids Corner playlist here - <https://justdancenow.com/>
- Stretch, relax and improve your flexibility with - <https://cosmickids.com/watch/>
- Use the number of the day, or your favourite number to challenge yourself. Can you do 10 hops, jumps, claps? What other actions could you do? Can you run on the spot for ten seconds?
- Some more activities to try:
<https://imoves.com/the-imovement>
<https://www.youtube.com/user/5adayTV>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers>

Other ideas and activities

Here are some more ideas of things that you could do at home which help to develop your skills:

- Help with the cooking
- Draw pictures to show your friends and teachers at nursery when you come back
- Play with water (use a washing up bowl on a towel!) What floats and what sinks?
- Make dens or castles with furniture and blankets
- Junk modelling - what will you make? Here are some ideas to get you started <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/curations/junk-rescue-collection>
- Cut and stick pieces of paper and other materials to make a beautiful collage
- Look at Super Simple Songs on Youtube
- Jigsaws

We hope you enjoy exploring some of these ideas and we are sure you can think of lots more too. We look forward to learning with you and we hope to see you all as soon as we can.

Stay safe, look after each other and have fun!

From Miss Wallis and Miss Livingston.