

Starbeck Primary Academy - Ideas to support learning at home for Reception

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Dear Parents, carers and children,

I hope you have had a good Easter Holiday. Please find suggestions to support your child's learning and keep you and your child busy over the next few weeks. I have tried to make the activities as practical as possible with resources you probably have at home. It would be lovely if you could keep a scrapbook of you doing some of the activities together so I can see what the fantastic learning you have done together.

On a usual school day we would have a mathematics lesson, a phonics or writing lesson and a reading lesson. If you have access to the internet, please remember to try out some of the websites on the Reception class page.

Mini Mash

Look out for log-in details for **Mini Mash**, which is a linked site to Purple Mash and contains lots of useful phonics and early years activities.

Keep safe everyone and I am looking forward to seeing you all very soon.

Missing you all.

Mrs Yiotula Kirk-Reception teacher

Mathematics Ideas

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/early-years/>

This website is excellent. It provides a daily maths activity based around a book but you don't need the book to complete the activity. There are two weeks from before Easter, which have additional activities. I would suggest you do the daily activities. This week is Summer term week 1 and the story is Supertato. If you don't have the stories most of them are on YouTube-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QlaMeNmTG6c>

- Practice forming numbers correctly with pens, paint or big paint brushes and water outside. Write to 20 and beyond. Use the number formation cards to help you form them correctly. <http://www.communication4all.co.uk/Numeracy/Number%20Formation%20Rhyme%20Cards.pdf>
- Watch Numberblocks, talk about the maths.
- Go on a 'Number hunt', finding numbers on doors, registration plates, signs etc. while you are on your daily walk.
- Go on a 'Shape hunt', finding different shapes in the environment.
- Find some socks or household objects, mix them up and order them by length.
- Keep ordering your numbers to 20, can you remember how to write them? What is 1 more? 1 less?
- Count saying number names in order forwards and backwards to 20 and beyond.
- Can you count in 2's? Using shoes or socks line them up and count in 2's to 20 to see how many you have.

- Write numbers on pieces of paper or post-it notes and hide them around the house. When you find the number can you do that many actions e.g. 15 claps, 3 hops, 7 jumps etc.
- Go on a walk and find 1 stone, 12 leaves, 3 sticks etc. Make some shapes out of the items you find, take a picture and stick it in your diary. If you don't have a camera you can stick the objects in or draw it.
- Draw some pictures of different coloured cars and tally how many cars you see. Which colour did you see the most? Which did you see the fewest?
- Practise some simple addition and subtraction activities at home using household items – try to make it a fun game! For example, 2 unicorns plus three unicorns equals five unicorns. Can you draw your number sentence? If I have 5 sweets and eat 2 how many are left? Can you draw it and write a number sentence 5 minus 2 equals 3.
- Have fun setting up a role play shop or café. Write out price tags and enjoy buying and selling your items. Add how much two items cost.
- Don't forget counting is everywhere, count as you put the cutlery on the table, walk up the stairs or even count how many dogs you see on your daily walk.

Literacy Ideas

- Keep writing in your diary, I cannot wait to see what you have all been up to!
- Read a story and make finger puppets or face masks of the characters. Retell the story together using the puppets or masks you have made. If you make a login to this www.booktrust.org.uk there are lots of lovely stories you can read. YouTube also has many lovely stories.
- Read: Free e-books to listen to online. <https://stories.audible.com/discovery>
- Oxford Owl for home has lots of free ebooks online for your child to read.
- https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/?view=image&query=&type=book&age_group=Age+4-5&level=&level_select=&book_type=&series=#
- Make a shopping list using writing or drawing pictures. Use numbers to show how many of each item you need.
- Go on a 'sound hunt', choose a letter sound and go hunting for items that begin with that sound.
- Write out your phase 2 and 3 words and key reading words in your orange phonic books. Place them on the floor when an adult calls out the word can you find it? Place the words around the room on the floor and drive a vehicle to each word saying it as your vehicle passes. Go on a word hunt. Ask someone to hide the words and you are to find them.
- Grown-ups if you use the key words from your child's orange books and write silly sentences for them to read.
- Find a recipe and do some baking. Make a 'photo story' of what you did and then tell it to someone else.
- Write a picnic list, follow instructions to make the picnic and go outside for a Teddy Bears Picnic.
- Visit this website and play some reading and spelling activities. Try to do a little bit each day. <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> Remember we are working on phase 2 and phase 3. If you don't have a computer they are all in your orange phonics book to practice.
- Get a book and find phase two or three sounds and words.
- Using a highlighter pen get an old newspaper or a leaflet that comes through the door, highlight sounds, and words you can read.
- Make some labels for things around your home – you could write the words on post-its or paper. Remember to try to write the sounds you can hear in words using your sound mat to help you.
- Draw a 'story map' of your favourite story

- Build something such as a castle, hospital using some of your toys or an old box and label it.
- Make a collage picture of your name

Creative Ideas

- Make some musical instruments out of household objects e.g. sound shaker with a plastic bottle and some beans, rice or stones. Can you keep a steady beat to your favourite song? the beat?
- Make nursery rhyme puppets using wooden spoons and sing the songs together.
- Do some painting, indoors or outdoors and watch how the colours mix.
- Use some Lego or building bricks and get building! Make something different each day e.g. a pirate ship, a rocket, a fairy castle, a zoo.
- If you have a 'pretend kitchen' in your house make some party food for your dolls or teddies.
- Go on a walk and collect some daisies and leaves. Make some perfume with water in the garden.
- Make a picture with cut up bits of old clothes and talk about the different textures.
- If you have dressing up clothes, dress up and make up some stories. You could make a magic wand or treasure map to make your story even more exciting! Why not video your story and send it to your grandparents?
- Make a den using bedsheets and enjoy a story inside using your phone torches.
- Follow a simple recipe to make playdough. Make some shapes and pictures with the playdough. You can enjoy dough disco with your child! Follow this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DrBsNhwxyzgc>
- Taste some new fruit & veg and talk about the importance of keeping healthy. Make a picture with cut up pieces of fruit or veg then enjoy eating it!

Understanding the World Ideas

- On your daily walk take pictures or draw the different birds you see. Research the birds at home. Spot different birds when they come into the garden!
- Get out some old photographs and talk about who the people are and when the photographs were taken. Make a photo book together, ordering the pictures from the oldest to the most recent. Talk about the changes in the pictures.
- Write a list of different occupations e.g. doctors, nurses, teachers, hairdressers, gardeners etc. Look at pictures and talk about what they do to help us. Make a card for someone who is helpful to you to say 'Thank you'.
- Do something 'kind' for someone who might need your help.
- Look on google earth and talk about the world. Can you find your house?
- Talk about different cultures and learn a few words from another language together.
- If you have a garden, talk about the plants or bushes you can see and help to pull up the weeds!
- Make dens and go on an adventure. Don't forget your picnic!