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PRE-RECEPTION AND PRE-NURSERY
HOW CAN WE HELP OUR CHILD TO LEARN AT HOME?



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HOME LEARNING...

The more we take part and talk about what our children are doing, the more they will learn and enjoy learning.

Children are learning all the time, not just reading and mathematics, but new words, new experience. There are so many firsts in a child's life.

The more we know about what your child is learning at home and how they are getting on with the school learning we send home (home learning), the more your child will learn.

The daily timetable on page 4 helps you to see how much time you will already spend learning with your child, encouraging them to help you with daily jobs, such as breakfast, lunch and getting dressed.



OUR HOME LEARNING ROUTINE - PRE-RECEPTION...

Activity	What this might look like
Eat breakfast together	Eat breakfast as a family wherever possible. Talk about what you are doing today or what your favourite thing for breakfast is.
Get dressed	In Pre-Reception we often get changed for our outside learning. Can you practise getting dressed by yourself?
Learning time	Can you choose what you would like to learn with today? Can you tell your grown-up what you are going to do? It might be learning with Lego, playdough, dolls or cars.
Tidy time	In Pre-Reception we "Choose it, use it, put it away." Can you tidy up your toys at home? You might want to use our tidy song which is called "The Solar System Song" and can be found on YouTube.
Washing hands	Can you practise washing your hands using the "Happy Birthday Song"? See memos on Tapestry for how to do this.
Make lunch	Can you help your grown-up make lunch? What is your favourite thing to have for lunch? Can you sit and eat together if possible and talk about your day so far?
Nursery rhymes	We love to sing lots of nursery rhymes in Pre-Reception. Can you sing some of them together? See memos on Tapestry for what our special nursery rhyme is in Pre-Reception at the moment.
Bedtime story	Share a bedtime story. We would love to hear what your favourite bedtime stories are. Can you tell your grown-up what you have enjoyed the most about your day?



OUTDOOR LEARNING AT HOME...

Outdoors is one of the best places for your child to learn.

Go for a walk and talk about what you see; the weather, changes with the seasons and all the buildings and vehicles you may pass along the way.



HELPFUL TIPS...

- Choose a time when you will do an activity such as reading a book or playing a game like I Spy or hide and seek. This does not have to last for a long time; sometimes with the youngest children it will only be for 10 minutes.
- If you choose one activity and then your child has the chance to choose one, your child will learn to take turns.



- Switch the TV and other devices off so there is nothing to distract your child.

HOW DO I FIND ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT MY CHILD'S LEARNING?

- All of the activities will be uploaded weekly on Tapestry.
- You can like, make a comment or post a video or photo to show what you have been learning together.
- You will receive comments and likes from the Early Years team about the home learning you share.



TOP TIPS TO HOME LEARNING...

1 Try to set up a routine

Young children love to follow a routine. They start to understand what will happen next and look forward to their day!

2 Enjoy yourselves

We all learn much better when we are enjoying what we are doing. If it is not much fun, change and do something else and perhaps come back to that piece of learning a bit later, or call school for some advice on how to do it differently.

3 Use outdoors

We have already said outdoors is a great place to learn; there is more space and children get a sense of freedom and talk more when they are outside in the fresh air. If you can, get outside as much as possible.

4 Stay connected

Please call or email if you need any help or just to have a conversation about how your child's home learning is going. We will keep in touch through Tapestry but if you would rather call that would be great.

5 Be kind to yourself

Remember, you don't need to fill every minute of every day! Use the daily routine to think about what you already do as a family and celebrate this with us on Tapestry!



WHERE CAN I GO IF I AM CONCERNED ABOUT STAYING SAFE ONLINE?

If you have any concerns relating to keeping safe at home or online, please use the links below for support.

A useful site that can help with parental controls is <https://internetmatters.org/parental-controls>

NCA: Think You Know www.thinkuknow.co.uk

NCA(CEOP) provides lots of information about helping your children to stay safe online. You can report online concerns to them.

NSPCC

You can ring the NSPCC Helpdesk to report concerns and get advice if you are concerned your child is being exploited. They are available 24 hours a day on **0800 800 5002**.

Parents Protect www.parentsprotect.co.uk

Information and resources which give adults the information, advice, support and facts they need to help protect children.



WHERE CAN I GO IF I NEED HELP TO ACCESS TAPESTRY OR I HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

Contact us at school for support on **01522 882900** or generalenquiries@priorywitham.co.uk





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