



Blackthorn Primary School

Reception Class - Spring 1 Newsletter



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This Curriculum newsletter aims to give you an insight into what we will be learning this term.

Please help your child to explore and learn about the world around them!

Our Topic

During this half term the children will be learning about Space. This week we have been reading the story 'Whatever Next' about a little bear who makes a space rocket and goes to the moon. In the next couple of weeks, we will be planning our own trip to the moon. The children will be thinking carefully about what they would need and will write a list of items. We will read 'Aliens Love Underpants' and the children will learn about planets and will make and describe their own.

Mangahigh

Your child should have a personal login and password to access Mangahigh, a personalised maths programme. Mrs Surynt is setting weekly challenges for your child to complete whilst at home. Your child can also explore math activities at different levels to further personalize and take control of their learning.

<https://www.mangahigh.com/login>

Things to remember

- * Your child is unique.
- * You know your child best.
- * Children learn through play- doing, being, living - everything, however ordinary, is a learning moment for them.
- * You are their first educator, children are learning from you.
- * Involve your child in everyday life at home and they will be learning.



Remote learning on Tapestry

During lockdown, children are being asked to complete their daily learning activities at home. Mrs Surynt is sending daily activities using Tapestry Memos. You will find the Memos section by clicking the "Memos" button on the top task bar. We encouraged all children to complete as many activities as they possibly can. It is very important. Please remember to take a photo or a video of your child completing their work and upload to Tapestry. You can also write a comment how your child is getting on. We do understand, that remote learning might be challenging at times and we really appreciate your support! If you have any questions regarding your child's remote learning, please call the school office, or email Mrs Surynt at MrsSurynt@blackthornprimary.net

Screen Free Activities to do with your child at home

Scavenger races

Get five medium sized objects and hide them around the house / garden. On separate pieces of card write down each of the five items. As an alternative, something that works quite well is paint bottles or coloured balls as then you can just get them to find the colour. You want to hide them where they're fairly easy to find.

To play the game, turn over one card at random and get them to find that object. Once they've found it they come back and get the next card. Time how long it takes for your child to find and return all the hidden objects. If you have more than one child then you can either get them to work as a team OR race against each other.

Tin can telephone whispers

It's a classic, with a twist! Get two old (clean) tin cans and put a hole in the bottom of each. Tie a knot on the end of a long piece of string and thread it through the hole in the first can (knot on the inside of the can). Then thread it through the second can and tie the end. If there's only two people then just use it like a normal tin can telephone. If you've got more than two people playing turn it into a game of whispers. The first person says a message to the second person, who repeats what they think they heard to the third and so on until it goes back to the original person. Then you reveal what was actually said and what made it to the end of the whisper trail.

Create an obstacle course

Obviously I mean your child should be creating this, not you! Get them to create an obstacle course around the house. Include requirements such as they must go under something, over something and throw something. It's also a good idea to set a target number of obstacles. When we did this, the course covered pretty much the whole house! It takes a while for them to get things set up, then you can time how fast they can complete the course. Either get multiple people to compete against each other, or get them to try and beat their own time. Because it has so many elements this can take a fair bit of time, they'll be doing this for a while.

Portrait challenge

Don't worry, you don't need to be artistic for this screen free activity. In-fact, the sillier the better! Get everyone to make a model of another person and see if you can guess who it's supposed to be. If there's only two people playing then open up the options to the wider family!

Build a reading den

This is another screen free children's activity that can be done inside or outside. Personally, I love building dens outside, but the good old British weather doesn't always allow for that. Build a den using chairs, the sofa, boxes etc if you're indoors. You can also drape blankets off the washing line if you're outdoors and make a REALLY big den. Then just pack it full of cushions, duvets and blankets and snuggle up with a family book.