

RECEPTION LETTER

Dear Parents,

As you are aware, to prevent the further spread of coronavirus school will be closed until 11th March as directed by the MoE. We understand that your home is not a classroom and the thought of home schooling can be daunting. Please be assured that as long as the children are encouraged to explore and learn through play and discovery they will continue to learn.

We have sent some activities/worksheets for you to do with the children. These are graded and mainly a reinforcement of what we have been covering in school. You can choose whichever activity the children are most comfortable with. We have included below some other activities which you may prefer.

We would suggest that guided play and role-playing with your child is a wonderful way, not only to bond, but also to teach your child about the world around them. Simple chores like folding clothes or counting out the cutlery can become fun learning opportunities.

Our theme last half term had been about 'habitats'. We had fun exploring how we live, in homes, apartments, etc. and how animals survive in different places including the desert and under the sea.

This term we are continuing with habitats and discovering the Arctic, looking at Eskimos, polar bears, penguins, walrus, reindeer, narwhals and arctic fox. Why not Google these animals and talk to the children about them. What helps them survive in the Arctic? How are they the same/different? What do they eat? Perhaps they could draw a picture or make a collage using all types of white material (cotton wool/felt/tissue/)

Why not make some delicious fruit popsicles and explain how they freeze. Maybe pop some ice cubes in and make a mini igloo together.

The weather is great outside, and the children love running around! Maybe time for a quick treasure hunt game? How many objects can they find? If you cut out some shapes, (square, triangle, rectangle, and circle) and hide them, can they find the one you are describing?

Why not take out water pots and paint brushes, ask them to 'paint' the correct answer to your simple addition or subtraction question?

The main thing is to have fun and enjoy these activities. Below are some links for ebooks and reading activities.

Best regards,
Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Usher

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