

## Topic Ideas

- Can you design your own superhero? What powers would they have and why?
- Can you find out about space and share your new knowledge with the class?
- Can you design your own rocket? Can you make it?
- Can you design a new pair of underpants for the aliens in our story?



Any other topic related ideas would be fab to share in class. Get as creative as you like!

## Reminders!

Remember that you are welcome to stay and play with your child between 8.40am and 9.00am every morning.

Our PE day is Monday. **Your child will need a full PE kit in school by 22<sup>nd</sup> January.**

Please continue to fill in Wow cards as we love to celebrate these in class.

# A little book of things to work on at home

Our topic for this half-term is **Adventures**. We will begin by reading the numerous Supertato books which tell the story of a superhero potato protecting the supermarket from the Evil Pea. We will also discuss space and base our learning on space travel, the planets and of course, aliens!

This booklet will give you some ideas for activities you could do at home with your child to support their learning in school.

Please share if your child completes any of the activities as we want to celebrate these in class.

Reception



# Mathematics

We will continue to develop recognition of numbers to 20 and to find one more and one less than a given number. We will begin to read and write additions and subtractions recognising and using the relevant signs.

Ideas to try at home:

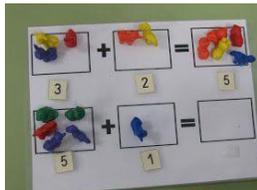
- Give children a certain amount of objects then ask them to find one more/ one less. Once children are aware of one more and one less practically, encourage children to count on or backwards from a given number.
- Can you find different objects to add or subtract with at home?

Addition:

Start by just pushing 2 groups of objects together and counting the total before including the addition sign. Extend children to read a given addition and find the correct answer.

Subtraction:

Start by counting an amount of objects and taking some away. Count to see how many are left. Then introduce the subtraction sign. Extend children to read a given subtraction and find the correct answer.



We will also be learning about how to measure time in different ways and will continue to use language related to size as well as distance. The children will also learn the value of different coins.

- Allow children to sort coins in different colours and sizes. Do they know what each coin is worth?
- Can your child place objects in height/ length order?
- Have a throwing competition or race cars and discuss how far the objects have travelled.
- Measure time in different ways. This could be as simple as how many claps until the kettle boils or you could use sand timers or timers on your phone.



# English

The children will continue to practise recognising and writing their names. They will also continue to write short captions, ensuring they sound out each word in turn. We will then move on to writing short sentences - remembering capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Ideas to try at home:

- Please continue to practise writing letters in the cursive font - beginning with a 'whoosh' each time.
- Write names in shaving foam, sand, salt, flour as well as in pencil.
- Orally practise saying sentences and counting how many words are needed.

## Reading

The children are now learning phase 3 sounds. These are sounds which are made of 2 or 3 letters (digraphs and trigraphs). The children will also continue to learn tricky words which cannot be sounded out. Please continue to flash through the keyword cards sent home last half term. New words will be sent home shortly.

We will read to your child in class and change books weekly however you can ask to change these books on a morning if you are keen for another.

Please continue to read with your child at home and record a comment in their reading log.

