

Dear Parents,

I have enclosed the following literacy and numeracy activities for the children in the Reception Year. Please try to keep it as practical as possible and have lots of discussion which helps develop solid understanding. Please don't hesitate to email me via the admin email address (admin@goathland.n-yorks.sch.uk) if I can help in any way and let me know how things are going!

Literacy Week One:

Read the story of The Three Little Pigs, (if you don't have a copy at home visit www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and access code PARENTSTWINKLHELPS and use their e-book or powerpoint). Choose from the following activities:

Encourage your child to join in the repetitive phrases as you read.

Talk about the story as you go along thinking about the characters and events as they unfold.

Can your child retell the main parts of the story and begin to act it out either using teddies or siblings? Maybe they could make face masks for the pigs and wolf.

Either use a Twinkl worksheet or simply write and decorate a few sentences about the story.

Draw a picture of the wolf and give him a speech bubble. What might he say to the pigs?

Draw/cut out a picture of a pig. Give him a speech bubble. What might he say to the wolf at the very end of the story?

Use used food packets to make a model of a house. Discuss what building materials the pig used to make his house. Think about the merits and properties of these materials.

There are many more resources for worksheets and activity ideas to go with this story on Twinkl.

Please also continue to practise the phonics sent home in the original pack with your child as well as letter formation and the 'tricky' words.

Maths Week One:

This week please revise combining two groups of objects to find how many there are altogether. Activities could include:

Combining two different groups of objects, such as 3 apples and 4 oranges, 5 spoons and 2 forks etc. This then builds into exploring ways to make 10.

For example, cut 2 'fields' out of an old cereal packet. Collect 10 toy farm animals and explore how many different ways you can arrange them in the 2 fields. Can children find a way to record what they found?

Play 10 teddies in a bed. Put 10 soft toys in a bed. Remove some and count how many are left in bed.

Move on to rolling a dice, if I roll a 6 how many more do I need to make 10? Use movable objects to do this practically if needed.

If you get really good at this, make a memory game by writing the numbers to 10 (including 0) on cards, (again old cereal boxes are a great source of card!) Place the cards face down and take turns to turn 2 over. Do they make 10? Continue until they find a pair that make 10 then keep those cards etc.

Finally have a go at learning the number bond rhyme...

5 and 5 add up to 10,

6 and 4 make it again,

7 and 3 they also do

Guess what, so do 8 and 2

9 and 1, 10 and 0

Learn them all, you're a number bond hero!