Focus for Learning

August – October 2018

Early Level

Numeracy and Mathematics

Our focus for this term will be:

* **Numerals, Counting, Pattern and Symmetry**

The children will be learning to:

* Identify and recognise numerals 0-10
* Count up to 10 objects accurately
* Sequence and order numerals 0-10
* Identify numbers before and after
* Count aloud up to 30 and from 10 to 0
* Identify and create symmetrical patterns/pictures
* Create simple repeating patterns using a range of objects

At home: count things at home – how many toys are in your room? How many forks are in the kitchen?   
Practise writing the numbers you know.   
Use your number cards to practise recognising the numbers.   
Play number games like Dominoes and Snakes and Ladders.   
Look for numbers at home and when you’re out and about.   
Draw or build symmetrical pictures and patterns.



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Literacy

Our focus for writing activities will be:

* Developing pencil control through mark-making
* Learning to write our names
* Beginning to write some letters and words

At home: Write and draw as often as you can! Find words and letters around your house and try to copy them. Share our letter writing rhymes with someone at home.

Our focus for reading activities will be:

* Sharing our thoughts about a text – likes/dislikes, puzzles, connections
* Sequencing key events from a story
* Becoming familiar with fiction and non-fiction books

At home: read a variety of texts – stories, newspapers, comics. Talk about your favourite parts, things that puzzled you or things that make you think of your own experiences.

Our focus for Talking and Listening activities will be:

* Identifying syllables and rhymes
* Listening for the first sound in a word
* Asking and answering questions about a text
* Learning to take turns when speaking

At home: Talk about your day at school, read rhyming stories/sing songs and find the rhymes, ask questions about things you read or hear on TV/radio.