

Working Together to Extend your Child's Learning at Home

As we work in partnership with parents/carers we ask that you continue to enhance your child's learning and development at home over the coming weeks through sharing and exploring some or all of the following activities, which you can enjoy together:

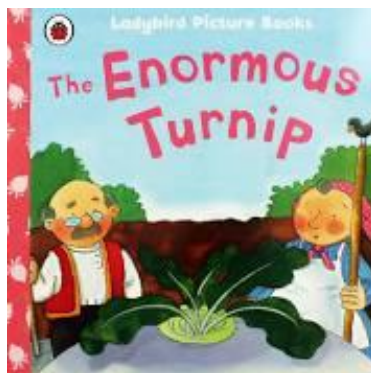
New items added to YouTube -

[Auntie Rachel's Going on a Picnic - Segmenting and Blending Activity](#)

[Auntie Jen reads The Enormous Turnip](#)

Activities to do:

- ☀ Read your child the story The Enormous Turnip story or watch the above link.



- ☀ Can your child remember all of the characters in the story? The characters tried hard to pull the turnip out of the ground. Do they know any other vegetables that grow in the ground?
- ☀ Make some salt dough with your child following the recipe in the below link:

[Salt Dough Recipe](#)

Encourage your child to knead the dough, exploring its texture and qualities. Comment as they explore, using vocabulary describing texture to teach your child the new language.



- ☀ Do you have a large cardboard box? If you do encourage your child to play imaginatively with it, creating scenarios as they play. It could be a car, or a fire engine, a boat or even a castle!
- ☀ Watch the above link to Auntie Rachel's phonics activity. Create a picnic to have with your child, choose items that you can 'sound out' to them and encourage them to guess the items, such as j-a-m, or c-a-ke.
- ☀ Following on from our fruit activities last week, support your child to make some orange juice. Slice some oranges in half and help your child to squeeze the juice out of them, either by using a juicer or just by squeezing them with their hands. They could try drinking some of the juice or even water it down slightly and make some orange juice ice lollies from it!
- ☀ Put some compost in a deep tray or storage box. Give your child some plant pots and some trowels or spoons to use to fill the pots. Can they fill and empty the pots? If you have some spare carrots or potatoes, bury them in the compost for your child to dig up! Talk to them about vegetables that grow in the ground and those that grow above the ground.



Below are some useful links that you may wish to browse to find other ideas for activities!

- ❖ [Hungry Little Minds](#)
- ❖ [Activities for babies, toddlers and children - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)
- ❖ [Family Zone | National Literacy Trust](#)
- ❖ [Black Country Early Outcomes | Activities for under 5s](#)
- ❖ [Activities for kids: Fun development and bonding ideas for babies, toddlers and pre-school children](#)

Also of interest –

The National Marine Aquarium have Mermaid Tales each Friday at 1.30-1.45pm - a real mermaid reading stories! Follow the link attached for more information.

[Home Learning Sessions | Ocean Education | National Marine Aquarium](#)



MERMAID TALES - FRIDAYS AT 1:30 – 1:45PM [EARLY YEARS]

Who wants to meet a real mermaid? Well, you can during this session, where Marina our resident Mermaid will read a short story to everybody tuned in – perfect timing before an afternoon nap, or as a gentle, relaxing start to the afternoon

Black Country Outcomes -

Black Country Early Outcomes is a website that is designed to help parents, support the early identification of speech and language needs and to provide information for parents and practitioners, give access to training and enable parents and practitioners to create language rich environments for all children.

Their website has a wealth of information for parents and there is a section regarding school readiness.

The below link will take you to a 'Little Chick' story that you can share with your child to help them become prepared for the changes that will happen in their lives as they start school:

[Little Chick Starts School Story](#)

Little Chick starts school



Little Chick Starts School is a story all about what to expect when a child starts Reception. It's designed to be read by parent and child together. Inside, there are also lots of tips about how parents can support their child emotionally and practically as they begin this exciting new chapter.

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