

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:

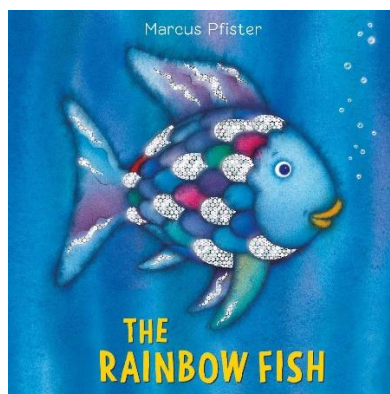
New items added to YouTube -

[Auntie Jen Reads The Rainbow Fish](#)

[Andy's Wild Workout - Under the Sea](#)

Activities to do:

- Read your child the story Rainbow Fish or watch the above link to see Auntie Jen reading it. Can your child think of something really kind that they could do for their friends or family? Teach them how important it is to be kind to friends.



- Create your own Rainbow Fish using coloured paint and celery sticks to print with. Follow the below link to find out how:

[Create your own Rainbow Fish](#)

- Create your own magnetic fishing game following the below link, you could even cut out fish and add a paper clip to the front to catch fish too! Can you count how many fish you catch?

[Home made magnetic fishing game](#)



- Using plastic fish, crabs and other sea creatures, create a small world ocean scene for them to play with in a tray with water and stones.



- Click on the link at the top of the page to take part in Andy's Wild Workout, Under the Sea. Can your child follow Andy's lead to explore the creatures that he finds?

- We are talking about past and future this week at Little Lambs. Talk to your child about what they were like as a baby and how they have grown up. To help us to discuss this at nursery, attach a photo of your child as a baby to their Tapestry account and we can share this in nursery!
- Our caterpillars have now emerged as butterflies, and we will be releasing them this week. Help your child to learn how to look after butterflies in the garden by creating your own butterfly feeder.



Butterfly Feeder

You need:

Screwdriver
Beads
String or twine
Plastic Lid or pot

Carefully make three holes in the plastic lid. Thread beads onto the string and push through the holes, knotting to hold on place. Tie at the top, ensuring butterfly plate is level.

Find a bright, sunny spot in the garden and hang in place. Fill with ripe, soft fruits like strawberries, oranges or apples.



- Play alongside your child at an activity of their own choosing. As they play use the commenting approach (see below link) to give a running commentary of what they are doing. Continue to try to carry out the commenting approach with your child for approximately 10 minutes daily.

[An introduction to using the commenting approach with your child](#)

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

- ❖ [Better Health Start for Life - tips on helping your child to talk](#)
- ❖ [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](#)

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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