



Home Learning

Welcome back Hummingbirds! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter and enjoyed the lovely sunshine we have had. Sometimes it is a bit difficult when we are only allowed out of our homes for an hour a day but hopefully you are making the most of that hour! I can't wait to start seeing photos of you all again as I've missed seeing what you have been doing these last two weeks. Hopefully we can get everybody to email me a photo over the next couple of weeks – what do you think? Let's accept the challenge!

Mrs Wolfreys

Today is: Monday 20th April

Today's tasks are (please see the timetable sent out previously for a recommended structure of the day however this is not a structure you need to follow for nursery but just guidance):

Pencil Control/Fine Motor Skills: To go with our story today, can you make a caterpillar out of playdough? If you don't have playdough maybe you could make it out of art and craft material or even draw a caterpillar.

Maths/Literacy: Today I want you to begin recapping the numbers we have learnt. Today I want you to watch this <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zLULs5OzNEs&list=PLgdVMbnqLpHQ7bfSLHdTkKq2-> and think about how we count carefully. Maybe you could try counting some things in your home today – how many jumps can you do? How many Lego pieces can you build into a tower?

Phonics: Today's phonics is a phase 1 activity looking at instrumental sounds and is all about adding sounds to a story as you read it. First you will need to pick a simple story with characters that could make a noise (eg drumming for big steps/shaker for a quiet mouse), then you will need to find some instruments. You could use a saucepan for a drum, some rice in a pot as a shaker and two spoons against each other. Look at the characters in your story and pick a sound for them, then as your grown-up reads the story can you add in the different sounds?

Topic: This week we will be starting our new topic of 'minibeasts'. Each week we will be focusing on a different story. This week is 'the very hungry caterpillar', you may have this story at home to read. If not check it out here <https://singinghands.co.uk/makaton-signed-story/the-very-hungry-caterpillar-signed-story/> where they are signing the story too! Can you pick up on any signs?

Daily Challenges:

- Can you create some fingerprint caterpillars by giving each caterpillar the right amount of finger prints? Have a look at the end of this letter for an idea!

- Play this game called 'hat grab'. See if you can listen to the instructions at count up how many of each hat you have. Can you answer the questions at the end? <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/data-handling>
- Parent challenge: Please keep emailing me lots of the wonderful photos – I love seeing all the children and what you have been up to. Share anything that you found useful or liked on your whatsapp group ☺ email is: nursery@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk
- Any questions please do email me I will be in school on some days but I will try to respond ASAP.

In addition to the nursery daily planning, don't forget to tune in to Mrs McGeoch's assembly at 9 or check out Mr Penberthy's daily workout. Ms Davies will also be uploading some mindfulness sessions and Mrs Pearman will be keeping us upbeat with some music fun. These sessions will all be found on the website. Finally, keep an eye for story time videos which will be added to the website ☺

Daily Challenge – finger print caterpillars.

