

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:

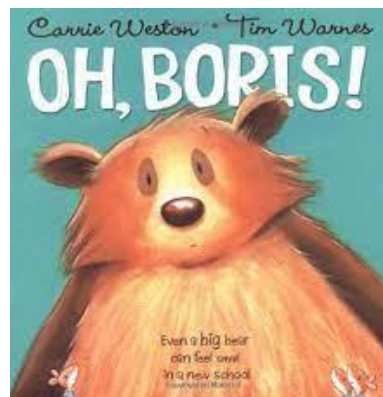
New items added to YouTube and other links to follow -

[Auntie Jen reads Oh, Boris!](#)

[Auntie Chloe reads 'Lost on the Beach'](#)

Activities to do:

- ☀️ Read your child the story Oh, Boris! or watch the above link to see Auntie Jen reading it. Talk to them about what to expect when they start school. Talk about what makes a good friend.



- ☀️ Prepare them for starting school by setting them a challenge - can they put on their shoes and coat all by themselves? Make it harder for them by hiding their shoes, so that they have to find them first and then put them on, or time them and then see if they can break their record.

- ☀️ Encourage your child to listen well and follow instruction by playing 'Simon Says' with them. First try playing by modelling the instruction yourself and then try keeping your hands still and just using your words to give the instruction.
- ☀️ Play colour 'I Spy' with them. Can they find something that is the colour that you say?
- ☀️ Using sticks, stones, bits of plants and toy dinosaurs, create your child their very own Jurassic Park to play imaginatively with.



- ☀️ Talk to them about what makes a good friend. Create a list with them about 'Things that make a good friend' and 'Things that make a bad friend'. Talk to them about thinking how their own behaviour makes others feel.
- ☀️ Create some natural weaving with your child like in the picture below:



Natural Weaving

You will need:

- * Sticks
- * Scissors
- * Wool or string
- * Flowers, grasses etc.



Decide on the shape of your frame and then construct it using the twigs and string. Next use string to criss cross the frame. Frame made, you are ready to go on a nature hunt. Once found, weave your treasures into your frame.



No right or wrong in this activity, creativity is a personal thing. I always encourage individuality, this is all about them!

- ☀️ 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](#)

