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Hi all,

We hope you are enjoying the lovely weather we are having, still having fun and making the most of your time together. All the staff are missing you and can't wait to see you in September, whether that is in Nursery or returning to First Farmers. Very importantly, we hope that you are keeping safe and well.

A Message for the Children

I hope that you have enjoyed completing some of the activities/challenges that are on the school website. Please continue with these and we would love to see some pictures of you and any pictures you have done with your family. They may even be displayed on our school website!!

A Message for the Grown Ups

Our email address to send your pictures in to is firstfarmers@lower-farm.walsall.sch.uk Please if you have any questions or concerns you can use this email for those to and we will get back to you. Here are some more ideas that you can do with your child at home, but again please do not feel that you need to do them all, they are just ideas and there if you need them.

- While the sun is shining talk about shadows - who has the biggest/smallest shadow. Use chalk to draw around your child's shadow, naming the different body parts. See if your child can draw around your shadow.
- Ice surprises - Fill some small balloons with water and add a little toy or small plastic animal etc. Tie extra tight and freeze. Then use toy hammers or wooden spoon or metal spoons to hammer until they break the ice and discover the surprise.
- Talk about different flavour ice creams. Use appropriate coloured paint/crayons to make their ice cream cone. Add glitter to make sprinkles.
- Dough disco - Is a fun activity, which combines the use of play dough with a series of hand and finger exercises designed to improve fine muscle control. The movements develop children's fine and gross motor dexterity, hand-eye coordination and self-esteem. The muscles used are the same ones used for later skills such as cutting and holding a pencil. You can find dough disco on you tube.





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Please keep reading to your child, story time develops early literacy skills and fosters a love of language and books, it encourages children to make connections between the stories and the world around them. It also helps increase their attention span and provides young children with the opportunity to snuggle up next to you while you read to them.

Some songs we would have been learning in the next couple of weeks are -

The wheels on the bus
There were ten in the bed
5 little speckled frogs
Hokey cokey

Join in with your child. These can all be accessed on You Tube.

The phonics activities can be repeated as often as you like, practice makes perfect! I will add these on again at the end of the letter.

We hope potty/toilet training is going well especially for those going into nursery in September. Please email if you need any tips or help with this.

We look forward to staying in touch and if you do have any further queries then please do not hesitate to email us and we will get back to you. Can't wait to see you all again soon.

We miss you all! Love, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Riley, Mrs Brownhill and Miss Ward.





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Phonics activities – I hear with my little ear (tick toc, woof woof, meow, shaker, triangle, moo, tambourine, drum, oink,) Children guess the sound.

Phonics activities – Mrs Thomas has a bag – Describe animal in the bag, children to guess what it is. Repeat with smaller groups/individual quieter children.

Phonics activities – Sound lotto. Nursery rhymes.

Phonics activity – “s” chatter bag. Items beginning with S (snake, stripy sock, silver spoon, sad, spider, stickers, starfish, sun)

Phonics activity – “t” chatter bag. Items beginning with t (tiger, tooth brush, train, table, tree, tube)

Phonics activity – Baby chatter bag – (baby doll, potty, baby brush, nappy, nappy bag, wipes, bottle, baby clothes.)

Phonics activity – Join children in their play to extend their talk and enrich their vocabulary.

Phonics activity – Explore with children the sounds different animals make, including imaginary ones such as dragons.

Phonics activity – Role play area to encourage children to use a range of purposes.

Phonics activity – Using ribbons to make large swirling movements to develop physical skills necessary for writing.

Phonics activity – Experiment with the sounds different objects make.

Phonics activity – Listening walk. Keep quiet, have ears and eyes ready. Talk about the different sounds they can hear.

Phonics activity – Drum outdoors. Using small sticks explore the indoor or outdoor area by tapping.

Phonics activity – Children play in a band. Encourage children to listen to each other.

Phonics activity – Match the instrument. Use two identical sets of instruments. Hide one set. Can children identify which one is played behind a screen.

Phonics activity – Playing instruments quietly, loudly, 3 times, 5 times etc...

Phonics activity – Clap, march, stamp to a beat.

Phonics activity – Action songs

Phonics activity – Nursery rhymes

Phonics activity – Phase 1 sound flash cards

