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Weekly Home Learning - Reception

Week commencing: 18th January 2021

	Maths Activities	Completed
1	In our topic work we are having a go at sorting and classifying. This Maths skill can be used to sort in lots of different ways. Can you make a collection of objects that can be sorted - by size, colour, shape or in another way? You could use cars, teddies, buttons, sweets - anything! I would love to see how you decide to sort the objects. Can you label the groups? Extension: Can you find more than one way to sort the objects?	
2	Numbers can be sorted too. I have put some number shape cards (Numicon) into the folder on Teams. Can the children sort them into odd and even numbers? (If you can't print you could make a list of odd and even numbers). In class we have talked about how odd number Numicon pieces have a sticking up shape like there is a piece missing, and even number Numicon pieces are flat. Extension: Write the number below the Numicon picture. You could use two different colours to show the odd and even numbers.	
3	When you have sorted the Numicon pieces into odd and even have a go at the sorting activity PowerPoint <i>The Story of Osman Odd and Eshal Even</i> in the folder on Teams. I have also put on a number line to 20 with different colours for odd and even numbers that children might find helpful.	

	Literacy Activities	Completed
1	Last week I asked you to make up an explorer character. Can you complete this task if you haven't already done so? To build on your story writing skills, can you describe your character? Use the phrases He / she is... or He / she has... to write about what they are like, what they are wearing or what they look like. E.g. He is brave. He is wearing climbing boots. She has long hair. She has binoculars.	

2	Our new sound this week is 'sh'. I have put a video on Teams of how we can introduce this sound for reading and writing it if children are not familiar with it. Please watch it together and then have a go at saying the phrase: 'The horse says "shhhh" to the hissing snake. Practise writing this digraph (two letters that make one sound) in chalk, sand, shaving foam, paint, playdoh, make up a 'shh' song (send me a video!!) - any way to help to make it memorable.	
3	I have put a 'sh' piggy bank phonics activity in the folder on Teams. Cut out the pictures that start with a 'sh' sound and stick them in the piggy bank. Make a list of the 'sh' words. If you can't print out, look at the pictures on screen and make a list of the 'sh' words, or you could have a go at drawing some of the 'sh' pictures yourself. Extension: write some sentences with 'sh' words in them.	

	Topic Activities - Exploration	Completed
1	I have been so impressed with your ideas for our 'Exploration' topic. Some of you have suggested going back in time to be 'dinosaur explorers', so our topic activities this week are based on that. Can you look at the PowerPoint I've put on Teams - this shows a variety of dinosaurs and talks about what they would have eaten. Can you find one dinosaur that would have been a herbivore, one that would have been a carnivore and one that would have lived in the sea? You could cut out the dinosaur pictures from the dinosaur word mat and sort them into different groups.	
2	Lots of you love to find fossils on the beach and are fascinated by them. Have a look at this short clip from BBC Bitesize: www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9bbkqt/articles/z2ym2p3 It's supposed to be for KS2 children but I think with a little bit of explanation of a few of the trickier words your clever children in Reception can get a good idea of how fossils are formed from it. You could have a go at making your own salt dough fossil shapes - if you have small dinosaurs to use, great, but any small toy or object to make an impression in the dough could be used. This link shows a method but there are lots of different ideas for making your own fossil impressions if you Google it. www.littlepassports.com/craft-diy/make-dinosaur-fossils-using-salt-dough/	
3	If you haven't tried Cosmic Kids Yoga yet, you are in for a treat! Have a go at this lovely session - Tiny the T Rex Cosmic Kids Yoga Adventure! www.youtube.com/watch?v=rnlDBKD2S78	

I hope you all had a lovely weekend. Here is this week's plan for home learning which I hope your child enjoys completing. It would be lovely to see what the children have been up to this week, even if it is not from the plan. There will be Dojo points available as a reward for completed tasks.

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Have a lovely week.

Miss Draper

I hope you and your children are keeping well during these difficult times. Please do not worry if your child does not complete all the Home Learning activities. From personal experience, I know how hard it can be to encourage your child to work from home.

All the teachers, including myself, have recorded videos for the children this week. I hope you enjoy them!

If you require any additional support, please let us know. We appreciate that this is a difficult time for everyone with many of you trying to juggle working from home as well as supporting your children with their activities. We are all here to help!

Please stay safe and healthy!

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