

St Nicholas Priory CEVC
Primary School
Parent Pack



Note to parents

This situation is new and different not only for us but for our little ones and for some little ones who thrive on routine the lack of structure and routine will be very very difficult. There are lots of resources out there but trying to find what works for your child can often be a little daunting.

This pack is designed to be like a toolbox for you to dip into. Some ideas will work for your child and some may be too challenging or too easy. You know your child best, pick the activities that are best suited to your specific child. Remember do not put too much pressure on yourself or them, anything you do to support their learning is going to help them. For this reason this pack will aim to give you fun activities that do not require lots of resources and have a focus on life skills, skills for learning, communication skills, attention and memory skills.

Useful websites

<https://widgitonline.com/> - Sign up for 21 day free trial to get visuals to support transitions and routines

<http://www.communication4all.co.uk/> - some good resources but have to search for what you need

http://www.oneplaceforspecialneeds.com/main/library_social_stories.html - Ore-made social stories

<https://www.nessy.com/uk/> You can have a free trial using the reading and writing apps that lasts a few weeks or can pay month for use of whole services

<https://singinghands.co.uk/> - signed stories and songs for pupils that use sign to help them communicate

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z3g4d2p> - some good educational videos on here

www.ictgames.com

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.crickweb.co.uk

Useful Apps

Touch and learn emotions £1.99

Innervoice: Communication £4.99 Communication device allowing children to have a voice

Timo kids routine timer - Free app supporting them to do everyday tasks and provide structure to the day

Learning apps

Alphablocks letter fun £2.99

Writing Wizard Free but some in app purchases good for basic letter formation

Endless Wordplay - Engaging app where children spell and then there is rhymes/videos connected to that word unfortunately these are not free apps

Endless Reader - similar concept to the above app

Endless Learning Academy - Similar concept to above app

MathTango - Great app where you answer questions and create your own monster island again this is not a free app

Scratch Jr - Simple coding app

Code adventures - Harder coding app

Simon Says - Colour/light memory game

Nessy can be used on a tablet and you get a free trial or £24 for two months

Life Skills Activities

- Learning to dress self including learning to do socks and shoes, if capable teach them to tie laces
- Learning to clean own teeth
- Learn their full name and address (In case of an emergency/getting lost)
- Talk about family, look and photos and help them create a family portrait of their people in their family
- Explore and recognise coins - can you give me the 2p can you give me the 10p extend by playing shops
- Learn the days of the week and how many there are
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtQcnZ2JWsY>
- Learn the months of the year
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=omkuE6Wa5kQ>
- Begin to tell the time doing each one until they are certain. Start with O clock times then move to half past. Make paper plate clock with your child
- Obstacle course – increase difficulty by looking at different ways of moving around it
- Learn road safety - lots of videos online and brake website has learning activities too
- Learning parts of the body
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9yycdm/articles/zqhbr82>

Play simon says touch/find your...Ext to organs

- Plant some seeds - what do they need to grow?
- Learn to make a sandwich

Fun Math Activities

- Learn size using play dough making different size snakes - big, small, biggest, smaller than mine, bigger than mine

- Jigsaws

- Directions - pretend to be robots - practice:

Walk forwards

Walk backwards

Walk sideways

Turn right

Turn left

Turn clockwise

Turn anti clockwise

Complete turn

Move diagonally

Mix up the directions and make a game out of it

- Capacity – Pupils to use non-standard measures to look at capacity. Using fromage frais tub and variety of containers, what contains the most. Pupils to explore water, work on full, empty, more, less
- Washing line – Write numbers on paper and hand string/rope from one place to another. Hang numerals in order on the washing lines
- Using Dice - recognising numbers, adding with dice, play board game
- Share out items such as cars/lego/sweets into equal groups

Fun Literacy Activities

- I spy - initially with colours - I spy something red then sounds once known or play in dark with torch by flashing the torch on the item and say I spy with my little eye a... helps learn words for items
- Water painting on fence or chalks on floor
- Put items in a feely bag and they have to guess what it is and describe it, this can be done with shapes and their properties
- 3D letters – Child to roll snakes then make letters out of playdoh
- Comparing language and activities:
Hot/Cold - Hot water bottle & Ice pack exploration
Full/Empty - Glasses, bottles and boxes
Wet/Dry - Wet cloth and dry cloth exploration
Hard/Soft - Wood and cushion exploration
Rough/Smooth - Sand paper and plastic exploration
Under/On - Teddy on chair
Left/Right - Hands
Loud/Quiet - Using instruments
Big/Small - Two different sized teddies
Clean/Dirty - Clean Cloth/Dirty Cloth
- Prepositions: Chair and a toy. Child to place teddy in correct position:

On, under, beside, next to, in front, behind, back, front, side, above, below

- Splat the rhyming word
- Orchard games
- Think of an item beginning with ...(game)

This is a game designed to get the pupil to think of words beginning with specific sounds. Start with find the item beginning with...from a choice on the table then extend by pupils having to think of items they cannot see.

- Spell words by making indents using Lego and playdoh
- Invisible words – write in white crayon and child has to colour/paint over word and say/spell the word.

Extension activities for the more able...

- Draw giant question mark and help them to write in words that are used in questions. Repeat with exclamation mark. Ext to writing questions.
- Spelling noughts and crosses - if they get spelling correct they can draw a nought or cross in the box of their choice
- Spelling detective – letters missing, muddled up words - what is the word?
- Give them two baskets and lots of objects. Make sure that you have a good variety of objects. You should have small things that are heavy, like a paper weight, and large things that are light, like a beach ball. Have them sort objects into the two baskets, placing all the light objects in one and all the heavy objects in the other
- Using a pizza and pizza cutter. Talk about the pizza being whole. Then help them use cutter to cut the pizza down the middle. Take one section away and show them half. Show them two halves make a whole. EXT: Ask them to cut the halves down the middle and explain that they are now quarters, 2 quarters make half and 2 halves make a whole.
- Draw with chalk outside or make with masking tape Number lines – Giant number line that they can jump along..

Jump on... (Recognising numerals) Jump forward... Jump back...

Sums eg $5-2$ stand on number 5 now jump back 2 where do you land? + and –

- Lay out letters of the alphabet on the floor, say a word and child to point to the letter it begins with. Do this for a variety of letters. Once they can do this well get them to think of something for every letter of the alphabet.