# Reading/Phonics

We teach phonics daily using the letters and sounds phonics scheme.

Can you listen to this little rhyme and think about the words you can hear that rhyme?

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/schoolradio/nursery-rhymes-five-littleapples/zvt8qwx

Five little apples

FIVE little apples so red and bright were dancing about on a tree one night. The wind came rustling through the town One little apple came tumbling down.

FOUR little apples so red and bright were dancing about on a tree one night. The wind came rustling through the town One little apple came tumbling down.

THREE little apples so red and bright were dancing about on a tree one night. The wind came rustling through the town One little apple came tumbling down.

TWO little apples so red and bright were dancing about on a tree one night. The wind came rustling through the town One little apple came tumbling down.

ONE little apple so red and bright

## **Physical Development**

This week we are focussing on *crossing* the midline. The midline is an imaginary line that runs vertically down the centre of the body.

#### Lazy 8

Encourage your child to draw a figure of 8 on its side as if it were laying down. The bigger they do it the better. They can do it with their finger or using a ribbon on a stick or tracing it in soil or sand or on a large piece of paper.



Be a butterfly

Ask your child to hold their arms out straight in front of them with their palms facing down. Tell them to link their thumbs to make an X, lifting their palms so they face outwards with their fingertips pointing to the sky. These are the butterflies. Now encourage them to fly them in the shape of a lazy 8

### Maths

This week we will be thinking about shape.

Key words: circle, square, rectangle, triangle, diamond, star, edge, side, straight, curved, corner, long, short. (Introduce more shapes if your child is ready i.e. pentagon, hexagon)

Look around the house and garden and see how many different shapes you can see all around.

Find a selection of items that are different shapes i.e plate, book, coin, credit card, lids. Talk about the shapes.

- How many sides?
- How many corners?
- How many straight sides?
- How many long/straight edges?

Play shape I spy with them. "I spy a small shape with no corners"
"I spy a shape with two long sides and two short sides"

Using tape or string make out some large shapes and children to put bricks along the shapes.

## Other

This term as part of our Golden Thread 'to be or not to be' which encompasses ethics, citizenship and public speaking, we will be looking at some of these points through our stories. We will also be thinking about growth and mini beasts this term.

This week our story is **The Enormous Turnip**.



https://www.youtube.com/watch
?v=mGw5yTOPTSQ

In this story all the characters had to work together to pull up the turnip.

Can you remember all the characters in the correct order?

Talk about different vegetables and how they grow. Have you got any vegetables in your house that you could look at - what do they look like, feel like, smell like and taste like (if you can eat them

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Can you pretend to be the apples dancing around in the wind and then falling down?

This week we are also continuing to link sounds to different letter shapes. We are going to look at the 'n' letter shape.

#### Watch

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQsC Ayq-axU

Can you look around your house and find things that begin with the 'n' sound.
When you say the sound pretend you are an aeroplane making a 'nnnn' sound and make your arms like plane wings.

Have a look in some of your books and see if you can spot the letter shape 'n'.

Criss Cross walking

Draw a line or have a piece of string on the floor. Ask your child to walk along it crossing each foot over the one in turn.

Fine motor skills activities to try at home:

Using scissors (cutting old magazines, cards etc)

Colouring and dot to dot activities

Make models and buildings with bricks/lego. Think about the different shapes you are using.



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In the story the characters had to pull out the turnip. Can you find anything in your house that you have to pull? Maybe a door, drawer or cupboard?

Put some chopped up pieces of turnip in the water tray, along with bowls and spoons. Encourage the children to make their own 'turnip soup'