

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thirst for Knowledge

Our thirst for knowledge is an optional open ended home learning activity for you to be as creative and imaginative as you can be. Our task for this half term is to pick an animal or plant that changes as it grows and represent this in your own way. Some ideas could be;

- A painted life cycle.
- Models of different stages of life for a person.
- A timeline to show how you have changed.

P.S.E.D (Personal Social and Emotional Development)

- Look at baby photographs of themselves and family members and talk about how they have changed and developed.
- Discuss the needs of babies and how we care for them.
- Talk about similarities and differences between ourselves and our families.



Communication and Language

- Share during imaginative play with dolls and toys (acting out being a baby, mummy or daddy).
- Sing and listen to a range of songs, stories and rhymes special to babies and toddlers. Do you have a favourite?
- Share together your child's first words and some of the funny things that he/she said!

Physical

- Share in outdoor play with your child - he/she may enjoy helping in the garden and making observations about plants, birds and insects.
- Talk about all the things that we can do to keep ourselves healthy - healthy food, '5 a day', exercise, sleep etc.
- Make up a dance or do exercises to music.
- Draw pictures of favourite foods - which are the healthiest?



Literacy

- The following books all fit in with the growing theme and may stimulate drawings, paintings, model making and discussion!
- "Little Tiger's Big Surprise" by Julie Sykes
- "Rosie's Babies" by Martin Waddell
- "Big Brother, Little Brother" by Penny Dale
- "Fran's Flower" by Lisa Bruce



- A selection from the “Titch” series by Pat Hutchins

Mathematics

- Plant a sunflower seed and measure how it grows.
- Talk about the relative heights of family members - can you put them in order from the tallest to the shortest?
- Count! - How many pieces of fruit are there in the fruit bowl? How many bananas and apples altogether?



Understanding the World

- Talk about baby food - why do babies need soft food? What food do you think would be good for babies?
- Plant some seeds and think about what they will need to help them grow. (Cress is quick!)
- Make a handprint with paint or talcum powder - have a look at it through a magnifying glass.
- Have a look at the seeds in a range of fruit.
- Use a book or computer to find out about animals and their young.
- Research the life cycle of a butterfly or frog. Your child may like to draw the changes!
- Discuss why different plants grow in different countries and climates.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Make a collage or picture out of natural materials you have collected.
- Choose a flower, plant or piece of fruit and make an observational painting or drawing of it.
- Make a butterfly painting (paint on one half of a piece of paper and fold it over - open it up to reveal your butterfly!)
- Draw and paint with a stick in mud!



Have fun learning at home 😊

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