Monday 11th May

Hello again,

What have I learned this week? How to make buttonholes using my sewing machine. They are functional but not perfect, if I keep on practising I’m sure I’ll get better and quicker at it.

So here are some suggestions for this weeks learning, please dip in and out and take them at your own pace in a way that suits you and your children.

For those children who will be joining Mrs Haines in reception in September, did any of you download the FREE App?

Apps.apple.com/gb/app/phonicbursts-satpinmd/id1183935288

If so let me know what you thought of it. Was it fun but challenging, did it help keep interest enough to help reinforce and embed the letters and sounds they have been learning.

Here are some non-screen based activities to do based around the letters and sounds you may have learned so far, satpinmd. Remember it does not matter if you have not.

* Keep practising saying the sound (phoneme) when you see the letter (grapheme).

Hearing a sound (phoneme) and finding the letter (grapheme) that makes it.

* Play Lucky Dip. Collect a number of items together in a bag/bucket/box or just a pile with lots beginning with the sounds we have been learning. Write out the same lower case letters on separate bits of paper. Ask \_\_\_\_ to pick one out, say what it is, hear the initial sound and match it to the correct letter.
* Play Odd One Out. Put out three items

EG pencil, pear, and doll

Spoon, soap and teddy

Can \_\_\_\_\_ tell you the initial sound for each item and then which one doesn’t belong.

* When you are looking at books together occasionally pick a word and give an encouraging prompt – “you know what sound that word begins with.”

For those children who will still be in Nursery, how good are you at playing Mr Teach – Guess the Sound Games? Keep on playing.

* I know that Lucas has been doing some Yoga and that Wilfie has his own personal teacher. I have been watching Kids Yoga Cornwall on Facebook, Tuesday and Thursday at 4pm, the sessions are a combination of story and yoga, this week Stick Man and Space Picnic. Why not have a go.
* Keep the big paint brushes and buckets of water out. Have a go at painting lots of anti-clockwise circles, or retracing vertical lines down and up. These movements are important pre handwriting skills. Please watch carefully to make sure the circles really are anti-clockwise.
* Find some long ribbons, and make the same movements while dancing to music. Encourage large movements to develop shoulder and upper arm strength.
* Play some ball games. A large ball is the best starting point. Throwing and catching, if you have time and the patience. Remind them that using their eyes and looking is important, watch the ball coming to you and move your hands towards it.
* Find a large container and have a go at aiming and throwing a ball into it.

Keep looking at and doing activities suggested previously, change them and adapt them to suit what you have around you and your childs interests.

If there is anything you would like some suggestions for or help with please get in touch. Have the best week possible.

Frances.