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Message to parents

Dear Parents,

I can't believe it's been over 7 weeks since we were last at Nursery, I can't yet decide if time is going quickly or slowly! Well done for getting this far, I fully understand that it isn't easy suddenly becoming your child's teacher and also being their parent at the same time. It is something that I am also finding challenging. I often hear my son saying that I don't do things like his teacher does! This is why it's important that you don't put too much pressure on yourself, because as long as your child has plenty of opportunities to play and is happy, this is what will help them to develop the essential skills they need when they start school. I have been so amazed at some of the things your children have been doing at home. Thank you again for sending me photos and messages.

One of the prime areas in the Early Years is communication and language. Allowing your child time to play and create their own roles will also encourage language skills. It's important that children spend time speaking to themselves in their play and with family members, both are very important for language development. Reading lots of stories to your child is also an excellent way to develop their vocabulary.

This week, I have included an activity which involves making a telephone. In the Nursery the children spent a lot of time talking and singing to each other down different sized pipes. This telephone activity is a great way to develop both speaking and listening skills. It also encourages turn taking, as only one person can speak at a time.

Other ways to encourage speaking is to allow your child to take photos of things around your house/garden or outside on a walk and talk you through what they have taken photos of and why?

Over the next two weeks, I will be phoning the families I was unable to get through to when I first called during the Easter break. I look forward to speaking to some of you. If you need any advice about any of the activities or suggestions I have made, please get in touch.

Useful Websites

Here you will find some great letter and counting themed Nursery Rhymes with videos.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-songs-index/zhwdgwx>

A selection of story themed yoga workouts for your child to do.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

Best Wishes

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