

Squirrels & Hedgehogs Home Tasks

The activities below are all based around the story The Three Little Pigs. Please read the story powerpoint that we have added on the website or the You Tube story <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtHjB6rRmQc> before you start the activities. If you have your own story of The Three Little Pigs please feel free to read that too. **Children in school Monday & Tuesday will have the story read to them.**

Maths

- Please visit the website: <https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/reception#schedule> and work through lessons 1-5 around 'Shape, Space & Measure'. **Children who are in school Monday -Tuesday will do lessons 1 and 2 with their teacher at school. Children in school Thursday-Friday will do lessons 4 and 5 with their teacher.**
- Collect some sticks from outside. Can you put them in order from the shortest to the longest? Can you find something longer than the longest stick? Can you find something shorter than the shortest stick? Take a picture when you have finished.
- Pick your favourite 5 toys and line them up next to each other. Pick the toy that you think is the tallest, then pick the toy that you think is the smallest. Why did you pick these? Explain to a family member why your chosen toys are taller/smaller than the others.
- Use some chalk to measure how tall you are on an outside wall. Ask your brother, sister, mum and dad to measure how tall they are too. Who is the tallest? Who is the shortest?
- Missing numbers activity — on website.

Communication & Language

- Make a puppet show about the Three Little Pigs and perform it to someone in your family.
- Hide some treasure somewhere in the house. Try to give a member of your family clues to find the treasure without telling them exactly where it is. Can you give them clear instructions or hints? Did they manage to find the treasure? Ask them to hide the treasure and give you hints to find it. Did you manage to find it?
- Can you tell a grown up the story of The Three Little pigs? Try to use different voices for each character.

Literacy — Reading & Writing

- **Carry on reading books on Bug Club.**
- **Carry on using the weekly Phonics plan uploaded to the website. Sessions 1 and 2 on the Phonics plan will be done at school if your child is returning to school for Monday-Tuesday. Sessions 2 and 3 will be done at school if your child is returning Thursday -Friday.**
- Can you write your own story of The Three Little Pigs? Use some bordered paper from Twinkl if you want or write it in your green books. There is also a story sequencing page if you want to use that instead. Don't forget to use some of the story language in your writing.

Physical Development

- **Don't forget all the good website links for Physical activity ideas that we put on the Online Resources Page on the website the other week.**
- Practise throwing and catching a ball with a member of your family. Can you catch the ball with both hands? Can you catch it with just one hand? How many times can you catch and throw the ball without it touching the floor?
- Play hide and seek with a family member—you can do this inside or out in the garden.

Expressive arts & design

- **Design your dream house. How many rooms does it have? What is in each room? Who will live in your dream house?**
- Can you make a den in the garden? What kind of materials could you use to make the den? Make sure there is some shade in your den.
- Build a house for the three little pigs using materials you think would make a strong house. Try to blow over your house. Did it fall over? What did you make it out of? See build a house activity on website.

Understanding The World

- **With the help of an adult, research where pigs and wolves live. Do they live in houses? What do they like to do? What do they like to eat? Can you make a fact file with all the information on? You can find fact file template on Twinkl.**
- Go for a walk with family and use a camera or phone to take some photographs. When you get home, you could look back at the different pictures that have been taken and talk about them.
- Three pigs Science investigation - instructions on website. Have a go and let us know the results.

Useful Information/links:

There are lots of ideas, templates & activities on Twinkl based on The Gingerbread Man —we have listed a few above but the list is endless. Please have a look and dip into anything you think your child might like to do. Also don't be afraid to do other things that you might think of that maybe linked to The Gingerbread Man. The ideas above are just a guide.

Maths:

We will continue to upload the White Rose Maths weekly planning that you can also dip into. Where possible we will also upload the story to go with it if we can.

Early Years Objectives:

This is on the website showing you the all the Learning Objectives for each area. This will give you an idea of the things that your child should be able to do by the end of their Reception year. However please remember that all children develop and progress at different rates.

Bug Club:

Please continue to encourage your child to read the books issued to them on Bug Club. For a book to show it has been completed you need to get your child to do the activities and quizzes at the end of each book. Please do let us know when you need more books issued. We do check regularly but there maybe times we do miss things. Thanks you. In addition if you have suitable books at home that your child can read that is fine too.

Photos:

Please do keep sending all the lovely photos in showing what your child has been up to. It really has been lovely. We have been saving all the photos you send in and we are going to print them out and stick them into their Special Red Books so that they can look back on 2020 in years to come.

Please remember we are here to answer any questions, queries, concerns or worries. We check our emails daily so can respond quickly. Please also let us know if you have ideas of things that you think we can do that will be helpful or more beneficial. We are very much open to suggestions and just want things to be both beneficial to the children's learning but also flexible enough to fit in with all the other commitments you may have as working parents. Thank you for all your support these past few weeks and all the photos you are sending in. It really does help opening lovely emails with your children doing some lovely things.

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