

A very good morning to all of our Hedgehogs and Squirrels. We couldn't get to school today so we have been asked to put some learning on the school website. It is difficult for us to set what we would actually do at school for the children to do at home but we have put some ideas for activities if you would like to do these with your children today.

Phonics

- Read your reading book and practice reading fluently and with prosody like we do in our reading sessions at school.
- Read and write some CVC words:
Sit, tap, pat, pin, pot, nap
We have noticed many children find it more difficult to read words with the middle 'u' sound so practice reading words such as: cup, duck, luck, buzz, fuss would also be useful.

*You could write words on paper or the back of boxes from your recycling and use anything you have at home- pens, pencils, crayons, paint
You could also sprinkle a little flour on a baking tray and the children could use their finger to write the words to make it a little more fun!*

Literacy

- We have been reading the story 'Chapatti Moon'. You could watch the story using this link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZAH7gPuZiE>

Please ensure supervision using the You Tube link and remind children of staying safe online, if they see anything they do not like- tell an adult straight away.

Choose one of these activities:

- Draw one of the characters
- Retell the story using toys
- Make a story map like the one we made for The Little Red Hen

Maths

- If you are able to you could watch this episode of Number Blocks
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b08dr113/numberblocks-series-1-the-whole-of-me>
- We have been thinking about parts and the whole. Can your child explain this to you?
- Can you make some Number Blocks out of toys you have at home e.g duplo blocks, wooden blocks or cut up some pieces of paper or card. Can you explore all the parts and make the whole Number Block again?

Other ideas include:

Baking is great for maths and language development

Going for a welly walk and using your senses splashing in the puddles and squelching in the mud, talk about the weather and seasons. What can you see? What can you hear? What can you feel?

Make a reading den and snuggle in and enjoy some stories together

Puzzles and games are great for spatial reasoning and vocabulary

Time to play- the most important thing to do today!

- **Diane Ackerman:** "Play is our brain's favourite way of learning"
- **Charles Schaefer:** "We are never more fully alive, more completely ourselves, or more deeply engrossed in anything than when we are playing"
- **Plato:** "Do not keep children to their studies by compulsion but by play"