A very good morning to all of our Hedgehogs and Squirrels. We couldn’t get to school again 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.
* We learnt some digraphs last week. Can your child tell you what a digraph is? **Two letters but one sound.**
* Read and write some CVC words containing digraphs:

quiz, quick, chip, chop, rich, buzz

*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

[Numberblocks - Series 1: Three - BBC iPlayer](https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b08bzgxx/numberblocks-series-1-three)

* We have been looking at comparison and using the language ‘more than’, ‘fewer than’ and ‘an equal number’ to describe how many objects there are in each set.
* Play a game of ‘Feed the ducks!’ using seeds or counters/bricks and 3 rubber ducks or any toys. Roll a die and give out that number of seeds, 1 at a time, to each duck. *Does each duck have more than, fewer than or the same as the other ducks? How do you know?*
* Can you draw a picture to show your maths?

**PE**

Mr Keily has a PE YouTube channel if you would like some exercise! Mr Kiely’s PE.

[https://m.youtube.com/@mrkielyspe40/videos](https://m.youtube.com/%40mrkielyspe40/videos)

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**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"