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EYFS News



Miss Drennan has been taking walks in the local countryside. Where do you like going for your exercise? If you are staying at home you could always pretend that you are somewhere else!



This will be our last newsletter for this half term. We would just like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to you, for continuing to be such resilient and hardworking Highweek Learners. We have loved seeing you take on the challenges of home learning and hearing all your news. Stay safe and keep in touch. Happy half term!

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This week, or during half term week, you might like to try some Thrive activities. There is one for every day of the week. Activities include: make a balloon pet, a lego challenge, a handclapping game, and bouncy ball play. Full instructions are available in the Nursery and Reception packs. They are for children aged 3 to 7 years, so siblings might want to get involved too!

Monday	Make a balloon pet Blow up a balloon. Draw a pet face on the front. Cut and tie the leash on. Make paper ears and a stringer for the tail. Then stick them on with tape. Why not take it for a walk?
Tuesday	Sweet or savory? Decorate biscuits or crackers - make happy faces using sweets, fresh or dried fruit, cheese, ham, crispie etc. Let your imagination go wild!
Wednesday	Lego challenge Build a monster man or a maze for a Lego man. Try it out! Does it work? Ask a family member to see if they can find the way out.
Thursday	Hand Clapping games A fun good activity - how many can you remember from your childhood?
Friday	Silver Sips Take turns. Be as adventurous and energetic as possible. Don't make it competitive - just have fun!
Saturday	Bouncy ball play Have fun and develop motor skills.
Sunday	Jigsaw puzzle Share a puzzle together. You don't need to finish it in one session - come back to it and make it a family activity/challenge.



One of Miss Oakes' caterpillars has turned into a butterfly!

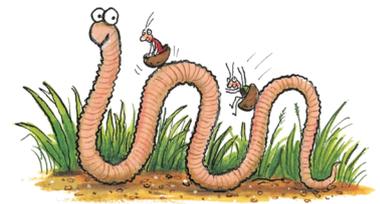
She is waiting to see if any more come out, and is feeding it an orange as it is sweet like flower nectar.

Have you heard of Silver Stories? Children telephone 'silver listeners' and read to them. It can help children to become more confident in their reading skills. This might be something you might like to join in with.

[http://
silverstories.co.uk/](http://silverstories.co.uk/)



NURSERY



This week we are reading the book **Superworm!**

Literacy

- ⇒ Read the story **Superworm** by *Julia Donaldson*, you can also find it on YouTube : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Jnk3XApKBg&t=107s> see how many rhyming words you can spot!
- ⇒ Superworm helps lots of creatures, have go at drawing a picture of who Superworm helped.
- ⇒ Make your own story about a different animal that becomes a superhero— can you draw a picture of your superhero?
- ⇒ Learn this song which is all about a little worm!

There's a Worm at the Bottom of My Garden

There's a worm at the bottom of my garden,
And his name is Wiggly Woo.

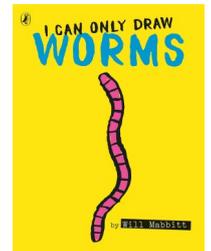
There's a worm at the bottom of my garden,
And all that he can do,
Is wiggle all day,
And wiggle all night.

The neighbours say,
What a terrible fright!
There's a worm at the bottom of my garden,
And his name is Wiggly Woo!



Maths

- * Explore measuring and compare the length of wool/string worms. See if you can order your worms from shortest to longest.
- * Use chalk to draw wiggly worms on the ground. Who can draw the longest worm?
- * Roll playdough into long and short worms.
- * Watch the story **I Can Only Draw Worms** by *Will Mabbitt* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bi1Wpbz6zGk&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1qVWn8Lp7BaLxXTTxlVUYJpYDUgHettGrvRnpD3Y7EH33eIMd-GLdu6c> How many worms can you draw?



Have a go at making your own sock worm!

1. Find a sock, any old sock will do.
2. Glue or sew some eyes on, mini pom poms or scraps of fabric would work!
3. Bring your sock puppet to life by putting it on your arm and adopting a super silly voice!



Topic

- ◆ Watch this Wiggly Worms episode of **Messy Goes To Okido** on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2I0Qjw7KDXQ> and find out about worms and how they help in the garden.
- ◆ Have a go at making a wormery— see the guidance sheet in the school pack.
- ◆ Make a bubble worm— see sheet saved in school pack.



Please check the school website for resources and more ideas.

Suggestions for Reception Home Learning for this week. Please remember that there is more information on the school website, should you want it, to support these ideas and practice maths.

Monday

This week our learning focuses around the story of the Frog Prince. You can access a powerpoint for this story on the school website but you might like to watch it on Youtube too:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DvkJl4zT50Q>

In literacy today your learning job is to sequence the story pictures to tell the story events in order. After that you can try the topic activity. Cut out the pictures and place them on stones (you can also use duplo bricks, the back of spoons, or straws and use the pictures as puppets). Then you can use the pictures to retell the story with a grown up.

In maths you are practising counting in 10's and 2's. Perhaps you can chant them first, In 10's to 100 and in 2's to 20. Can you remember your 5's as well to 50?



Tuesday

Today your literacy challenge is to write a newspaper article about the amazing frog that turned in to a prince! Just a simple sentence is all you need to write.

In maths today you have some addition challenges. When you have worked out the answers can you challenge yourself by writing the number sentences (sums) too for each question.

Your last activity today is a game. Cut out the pictures from the story, turn them upside down, muddle them up and see if you can find the pairs.

As an extra activity, you could collect junk during the week to make your own frog prince.



Wednesday

Today you are going to imagine that you found the Frog Prince, how would you feel? What would you do? Can you draw a picture and write about it, again just a simple sentence is all you need to write.

In maths today you are practicing take away. Cross out the right number of pictures to work out the answers. Can you write the number sentences too?

There are some sheets in your school pack to make shadow puppets. If the sun is shining on a wall you could use these to put on a puppet show telling the Frog Prince story to the grown ups.

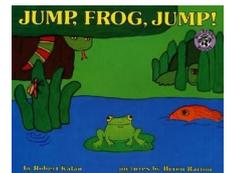
Another idea: you could also make a Frog Prince headband.



Thursday

Today you are going to pretend to be a frog. What would you do in a day. Use the story below to help you with some ideas. Then, draw a picture and write about it for your diary entry, 1 simple sentence is all that is needed.

Here is another story about a frog you might like to listen to:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ql8f-HOyYDM>



You could practice your frog jumps. How high can you jump? How far can you jump?

In maths your learning job is to find the missing numbers. There is a sheet in your pack. Cut out the bottom set of numbers and stick them in the right place on the number line.



Your final activity today is to use the maze's in your pack. Can you solve them? Perhaps you can draw or make your own maze.

Daily reading challenge Try: <https://bookflix.digital.scholastic.com/pair/detail/bk0070pr/book?authCtx=U.794217314> Free login for stories and books. Try the Kindergarten section.

You might like to visit the Literacy Trust: <https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/> You can find stories and age related language activities for your children. Speech and Language resources can also be found at: <https://speechandlanguage.info/download-free-games-resources>

Friday

Today it is your turn to write a story. Can you draw a picture of a different animal prince and write about your picture. Can you make up a story that the adult could write out for you?

Your last maths sheets helps you to practice different maths skills. If you have any number dominoes at home can you find the doubles and write out the number sentences? Or perhaps you can throw a dice and double the numbers? You could practice halving numbers too—using objects to help you.

Your final activity is a cutting activity to practise holding the scissors correctly and cutting along the lines very carefully to cut out the pictures. Then, you can stick them and use colouring pencils to make your own picture.

Something else to try, Can an adult make lilly pads with you out of old newspaper and write numbers in 2's, 5's or 10's for you to jump on to practice your counting?

