Monday 27th April

Hello everyone. I hope you are all keeping fit and well! Here are some ideas for home learning this week.

**Phonics**
Daily phonics practise – phase 2 and phase 3 sounds. Focus on ‘or’
Reading in sentences (Both can be done on the phonics play website) choose sentences that include the ‘or’ sound.

**Literacy**
Focus on capital letters. When we start learning letters we only learn lower case. We were beginning to look out for capital letters and recognised them at the beginning of our names.
Make a letter line writing the capital letter next to the lower case letter. (You’ll be pleased to know, capital letters have no upstrokes!)
Look out for capital letters in books you read together, on food packets, on toys etc. Remind children that we use them for names, places and at the beginning of a sentence.

**Handwriting**
Practise 1 or 2 letters from a different letter family each day. (Dbprimary – Red Squirrels page – Home learning tab)

1. **Counting practice**

   - Take a cup and some coins. These must be identical but it doesn’t matter what denomination they are. You need about ten.
   - Ask your child to sit facing away from you and the cup.
   - One at a time, drop coins into the cup.
   - The child has to listen and count.
   - When you stop, they must tell you how many coins are in the cup. (This is harder than it sounds!)
   - Repeat several times. Can they be correct three times in a row?

**Extension**

   - Drop coins into the cup as they count, eyes shut! Then, without showing them how many in the cup, show them that you are taking one out.
   - How many now?
Finger sums

You need number cards 6, 7 and 8, felt tips and paper

What to do

- Place the 6 card in the middle of the table.
- Ask the child to show you 6 fingers standing up and the rest folded down.
- Look at how the fingers are distributed across their two hands. E.g.

![Finger distribution images]

- Together say the addition – two and four make six
- Record this on paper: 2 + 4 = 6
- Fold down two fingers and say the subtraction: 6 take away 2 leaves 4
- Record this: 6 – 2 = 4
- Repeat with other numbers

Technology

For those of you who are accessing the dbprimary learning platform, show your child how to use email. It is a safe site and they can only email people in their Red Squirrels community. There are 3 simple steps. (This is where capital letters come in – keyboards!)

Challenge – Can they send me an email saying from………..

Can they send a message to a friend Hello …….. From………..

Earn a special excellent emailing sticker worth 30 points!

Pirates

Can you design a flag for your pirate’s ship?

Can you make a pirate’s hat?