



Optional Activities

to support your child's learning

Curriculum

Our Curriculum topic this half-term is based on the question 'What can I learn about myself and others?' Here are some ideas for further learning and research you could do at home!

Speak to your family and try to create a family tree. This is a drawing, diagram or chart that 'maps out' how people in your family are related. I wonder how far back in history you can go? This could be presented in variety of different ways – be as creative as you like!

As part of your research into your family tree, you may learn that people lived or worked in different areas of the country or world! Create a small fact file about this area that included maps and some interesting information about the area.

As part of this topic we also wish to learn a bit more about ourselves. We will be considering what conditions we need to do our best learning. What do you think you will need to do to help others to learn? Perhaps you could create a set of 'rules' that you (and the class) could follow to help everyone do their best learning.

Reading Ideas

Here are some ideas for books that link to our Curriculum topic of 'ourselves and others'. The Millennium Library at the Forum and Earlham Library are great places for bookworms to visit!

The World According to Humphrey by Betty G Birney.

This is a lovely story that follows the life and adventures of a class hamster as he is taken home by the students each weekend. A really interesting perspective.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

These are fun, easy to read books that are loved by children across the school. With lots of fun doodles and tales these books are guaranteed to make you laugh.

At Avenue Junior School, we do not set any formal homework. We believe the most important thing you can do with your child is to spend enjoyable time with them. We ask that you read with your child for 10 minutes per day – your child reading to you, you reading to them, or sharing the reading together.

We have also provided this list of ideas that you can use if you would like to. Please do as many or as few as you wish – and let us know on Class Dojo if you have any more great ideas for activities that you and your child enjoy!

Maths Skills

Developing place value, counting and number sense

As you walk down the street, count in steps of 2, 3, 5 or 10s as you step on each paving stone or pass a tree.

Encourage your child to think about numbers and make estimations. For example, how many leaves are on a tree? How many people are shopping in the city on Saturday? How many beans are in a tin? It doesn't matter if they get the answer right – making guesses and talking about numbers is a great skill.

If you're in a queue or waiting for something, count up in a times table (2, 4, 6, 8, 10...) and see how far you can get.

Using change from around the house, make up different amounts of money. Using £1, 10p and 1p pieces will particularly help consolidate place value. You could also play games such as "Pop To The Shops" which teaches money skills.

Other activities

Practise throwing and catching different types of balls. Try moving into spaces to increase the challenge.

Use a range of materials to make art – watercolours, clay, pastels, pencils. You could collect fallen leaves to inspire different artworks.

Write a story that begins... "As I stepped out of my hot air balloon, I was amazed to see..."

If you try out any of these activities, please let us know how it goes! You can share your learning in the reading record book, write or post photos on Class Dojo, or bring things in to show in class.