



KINETON PLAYGROUP NEWSLETTER

19 May 2022

MATHEMATICS

Lots of things we do every day relate to maths, including counting actions (eg claps, jumps or steps) as well as counting things that can be seen or touched.

We all use maths vocabulary in lots of conversations: adding one more, taking one away, smallest, tallest. Think about using positional language such as next to, behind, in front or ordinal words such as first, last.

Children can spot shapes that are in 2D or 3D. Look for shapes dotted around your home: circles, squares, triangles and oblongs. What shape is your table?

Encourage older children to write numbers. They may like to mark make into their sand or salt trays or on paper.

Write down numbers 1-10 on a piece of paper then write the same numbers on the end of a peg. Children match the number on the peg to the written number on the piece of paper.

Fill lots of containers with water or sand and predict which is the largest, the lightest, the tallest and shortest. Pour the water to "add more" this helps the children understand the quantity is increasing and keeps them cool in the warm weather.

Sing our favourite song: '1, 2, 3, 4, 5 once I caught a fish alive'. Count 0 to 10 then back down from 10 to 0, children may even add a "Blast off" at the end! Encourage your child to find the correct number of fingers and thumbs whilst doing so.

THIS WEEK AT PLAYGROUP

Warwick the Bear visited us on Wednesday afternoon to talk about road safety. The children will all receive a sticker, road safety story book and bear to take home.

Swimming lessons started this week, well done to everyone who took part.

JOINING IN AT PLAYGROUP

If you would like to come and join in your child's session on any day from 1.30pm onwards, please let us know. Younger siblings welcome too!

We welcome visitors, let us know if you have an interesting pet, job or hobby that you would like to share with us.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION

We would like to invite all children, whatever sessions they attend, parents, grandparents and younger siblings to join us on Friday 27 May at 2pm to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. There will be a craft activity followed by tea and cake hosted by the Playgroup Board.

PLAYGROUP TRIP

Date for your diary: Wednesday 29 June. Trip to Compton Verney for all children starting school in September 2022. We will be asking for parent volunteers to come along too. More details soon.

SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION

SUN SAFETY

Without wishing to jinx anything, it appears the sun has arrived for the summer! Please help us keep the children safe in the sun

Sunhats: please send your child to playgroup with a named sunhat. Beanie hats or legionnaires caps are better than plain caps as they shade the back of the neck.

Clothing: layers and a T shirt or other top that covers the top of the shoulders

Sun cream: if possible, please apply sun cream first thing in the morning when getting the children dressed, even if the weather does not look sunny, as that gives the active ingredients time to 'soak in' - and who knows what the day will bring!

Sun cream at playgroup: please bring in a named bottle of sun cream for your child, which we can keep at playgroup for the term, for re-application during the day.

ROAD SAFETY & ROAD AWARENESS

Road safety: We frequently speak to the children about 'stop, look and listen' when crossing the road. We also reinforce basic road safety rules during sessions through small world play (road safety games and figures), using road signs and the zebra crossings on the cycle track, only allowing a child to use the bikes if they wear a helmet, and using the paths and crossing points when visiting the wider school site. You can help by making sure you use the paths as well and do not walk across the car park to playgroup, and by discussing the safe things to do with your children (eg wearing a seat belt, watching and listening before crossing the road, crossing in a safe place). Be prepared for the children to be very bossy and to tell you all about it themselves!

Be road aware. All children move really quickly and can dash off to see anything that interests them, as well as running away as part of a 'chase' or hiding game. Children are not really able to judge speed until they are about seven or eight years old. Do make sure you can hang on to your children if they make a sudden movement - double buggies, boogie boards for them to stand on, reins, wrist straps and backpack/reins combos are all useful if they won't reliably hold your hand or buggy, or you don't have a hand free. Better to be safe than sorry!

FOOD SUPPORT

We are able to refer families to the Food Bank in Kineton. Please let Sally or Carol know if that would be helpful. Any discussions will of course be treated in complete confidence.

50 THINGS TO DO IN WARWICKSHIRE BEFORE YOU ARE 5

A menu of exciting activities for families in Warwickshire with young children:

<https://warwickshire.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/welcome>

Summer term 2022:

Monday 25 April to Thursday 21 July 2022

Half term: Monday 30 May to Friday 03 June 2021

Holiday club: Monday 30 May to Wednesday 01 June

