



### Activities for Nursery week beginning 11.5.20.

Hello children, it was lovely speaking to most of you this week and finding out what you have all been up to at home. I know that many of you are doing interesting things like watching tadpoles and caterpillars grow. We hope that you had a good 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of V.E. day celebration on Friday. Don't forget to send photographs to school as we would love to see them.

#### R.E.

May is the month when we especially think about Mary, Jesus' mother. If you click youtube - Christian kidsTV you can find out about Mary. You could draw a picture of Mary and stick it on your wall. When you go for a walk, you could see if you could pick some flowers to put into a vase or a jar in front of the picture. You can look at her when you say 'Hail Mary' prayer. (The words are on the website.)

#### Literacy

We are continuing our theme about Journeys. This week we are thinking about making journeys in boats. Watch and listen to the story 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' by John Burningham (youtubeorangeblossomchildren's library). Can you retell the story- Beginning, middle and end? What happened when the animals joined Mr Gumpy in the boat? How did they get dry again? What did they all do at the end of the story?

You can sing the song 'Row, row, row the boat gently down the stream. Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily, life is but a dream. Row, row, row the boat gently down the stream. If you see a crocodile don't forget to scream. Ahhh!!' You can join in with the singing and pretend to row your boat using youtube cocomelon: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUlrPFWQw0s>

## Understanding of the World:

You can investigate substances that float/sink.



**Messy water fun**

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### How to...

Collect some cups, pots, bowls, jugs or plastic containers. Help your child to fill them with water.

When they have filled them with water, help them to put things in the water.

You could use glitter, ketchup, mayo, washing up liquid, rice, pasta, shampoo, toothpaste, plastic toys.

Which things sink and which things float?

See if your child can tell you what to do. See what weird and fun ideas they can come up with!

### Talk about it

- Use the words more, less, full, empty when playing in the water together
- Say phrases like 'let's fill the box with water', 'we put less water in the pan', 'there's more water in the cup', 'let's empty the bowl'
- Talk about which things float or sink.
- Say phrases like 'count 3 sprinkles of glitter', 'count 2 squirts of washing up liquid'

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## Maths

You can do your very own boat race at home. Find some lids from different containers such as large milk cartons. Put Plasticine, Playdough or Bluetack in the bottom. Cut out triangle shapes for sails from paper, and ask someone to help you to write a number on each one and then stick them onto a straw which can be stuck into the sticky substance in the bottom of the boats. Fill a rectangular bowl or baking tray with water. Place your boats in a line on the water, use a piece of card to waft air behind them like the wind. Which number came first, second, third etc?

## Phonics

Look at the Phonics Play programme on the school website. Work through Phase 2 letter sounds 'ck' (at end of words), 'e', 'u', 'r'. Look for objects with 'ck' sound at the end of their word. i.e. 'clock', and objects having 'e' 'u' at the beginning and in the middle of their word. Complete the 'Dragon's Den' game.

## P.E.

An idea to keep you active is to join in with the Primary Virtual Challenge. A different age appropriate skill is practised every week and then uploaded onto the site by Friday at 12.00. Each winner will receive a medal and a certificate at the end of the lockdown. Last week, a Reception child from our school won! See details on the school Facebook or Twitter pages.

Take care and speak to you soon.

Love from Mrs Gater and Mrs Scaife

