

# Hazel Wood Infant School

## A Parent's Guide to

### ***Supporting Your Year R Child At Home***

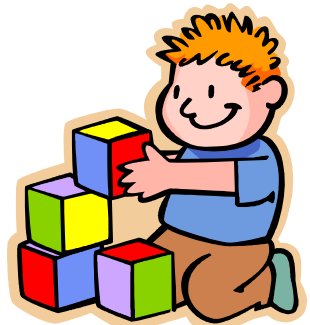
#### Role Play

- Dressing up box
- Sheets and boxes to make a tent
- Old packaging to make a shop
- Dolls, toy figures and small world play
- Paper and pens
- Toy vehicles
- Resources such as cooking utensils, tins of food, clothing and money should be real life objects



#### Construction

- Lego, Brio, Mobilo, Brio Mec, Stickle Bricks, Meccano - the list is endless!
- Boxes, plastic bottles etc.
- Straws
- Natural materials
- Joining and fixing eg masking tape, glue, Sellotape and Blue Tac



## Creativity

- With pasta, rice, flour, water, cardboard boxes - you can make anything!
- Try your hand at papier maché - all you need is newspaper and glue (flour and water will do)
- Drawing, painting and modelling opportunities
- Make clothes out of newspaper and Sellotape



## Enjoying the Outdoors

- Walk to your local park - what can you see, what can you find?
- Explore your local area - go on a mini-beast hunt
- What can you find in your own back garden?
- Go on a wellie walk!



## Reading

- Share the pictures
- Predict the contents of the book
- Discuss what type of book it is
- Share the words together
- Discuss what happened in the story
- Enjoy!



## Writing

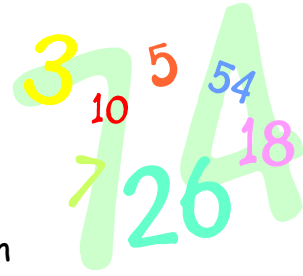
- Try to write a shopping list
- Keep a diary
- Write a postcard
- Write a message to your friend
- Write a joke or a poem
- Write a card



Resist urge to correct free writing!

# Maths

## Number Formation



- Correct pencil grip is as important as when handwriting
- Always start at the top of the number and work down
- Correct any reversals
- Ensure that 2-digit numbers are written the correct way round, e.g. thirteen is 13, not 31

## Counting

- Count in jumps of 1
- Start at lots of different numbers
- Counting backwards is more difficult so also needs lots of practice
- Use the language of count on, count back, one more, one less, add one, etc
- Count from memory but also practice counting lots of different objects
- Games can be made up while you are out, e.g. how many red cars can you spot before we get to Southampton? How many steps are there in this flight of stairs? Etc

