Literacy

Enjoy sharing and reading stories together!

Many activity ideas can come from reading stories with your children, so read and become inspired.

For example:

We are going on a bear hunt- don't just read it with the children, act out the story around the garden.

The very hungry caterpillar- Use the story to practise the days of the week and also your numbers by counting the fruit.

Doing the animal bop- Get the children up and moving to the instructions in the book and why not research another animal to add into the book, getting the children to describe how it moves.

These are only a few examples of how stories can inspire fun learning for children, so have a look in the books you have at home and with your children create your activities around these wonderful stories.

Reading

Where possible continue to hear your child read on a daily basis. This will reinforce their phonic skills and give them the confidence to attempt to decode unfamiliar words.

Write a daily diary.

Include whatever you like, drawings, photos etc. Encourage independent writing so that your child is working out what comes next in a sentence and attempting new words by listening for sounds and using tricky words.

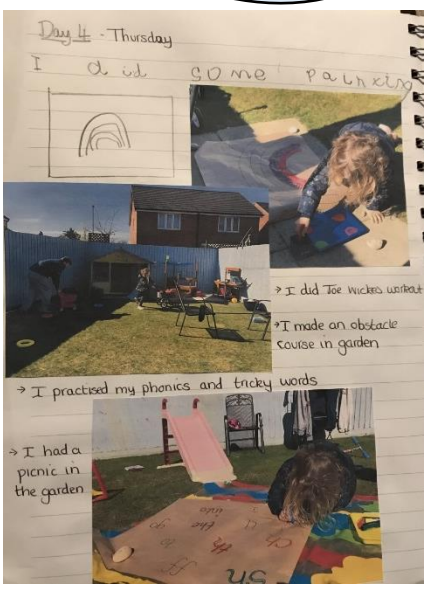
Alternatives when they are not in the mood to write:

Get them outside using chalk on the pavement- phonic sounds, descriptive words etc.

Get the paints out! You write the words they paint over them.

Write in a tray of sprinkles or sand, practising letter formation.

*You can use their diaries as opportunities to teach them about the days of the week.

* Once they have sat and wrote their sentences, allow them time to decorate, stick in pictures.

*Each day encourage them to use different vocabulary and to extend their sentence with detail.