



Faith is all around us.
We have to have faith in ourselves in order to be the best that we can be.
We are a small school, with big hearts and together we beat as one.
Sowing seeds of knowledge and faith, with nurture and love
We thrive, we grow.

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Working at home with your child

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

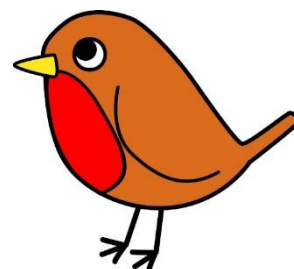
- Encourage your child to say please and thank you.
- Encourage your child to take his/her coat on and off.
- When playing with your child, support them in sharing toys.
- Allow them to choose some toys themselves and reflect on opinions about these toys - i.e. this is my favourite...
- Ensure that your child is able to go to the toilet unaided.
- Try to support your child in taking turns with others.
- Encourage your child to talk about their feelings.

Understanding the World

- Talk to your child about special times - birthdays, baptism and other key events in their lives and the lives of others they know.
- Encourage them to explore their surroundings - especially the outdoor area.
- Allow your child to observe animals and describe them.
- Allow them to ask questions about what things are and why things happen.
- Allow them to use simple tools.
- Encourage them to feel different textures and describe them - rough, smooth, soft etc.

Mathematics

- Practice counting groups of objects in pictures, stories' pose questions such as how many altogether? Which number is one more?
- Count out loud with your child saying the names of numbers clearly.
- Look at number- in their environment - doors / buses / signs.
- Point to and say numbers around the house.
- Sing songs or rhymes with numbers in - Ten in the bed / Five little Ducks etc.
- Read stories including numbers - The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- Use mathematical terms - add, take away, number names.
- Count using fingers.
- Count objects around the home - forks/ knives when setting the table.
- Encourage children to identify shapes around the house. Go on a shape hunt!
- Apply maths to real life - shape, money and amounts of objects.





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Expressive arts and design

- Allow your child to listen and sing songs and rhymes.
- Engage in role play with your child.
- Explore different media - paint, pencils, and crayons.
- Using scissors and glue: encourage cutting and sticking activities.
- Dance to songs and make up actions to go with the songs.

Physical Development

- Encourage your child to handle small and large equipment.
- Allow your child to use scissors and develop their cutting skills.
- Allow your child to hop, run, skip, jump and find different ways of travelling.
- Play games such as follow my leader and change actions to develop motor skills and coordination.
- Discuss changes to their bodies after exercise - heart beating faster, feeling warm.
- Encourage them to choose healthy food and talk about the importance of eating healthy food.



Communication and Language

- Allow your child to select books for themselves: ones that interest them.
- Read picture books with repetitive phrases and basic language such as fairy tales or books by Julia Donaldson.
- Encourage your child to "read" what is happening in the pictures. Prompt them to tell a sentence about what is happening.
- Encourage them to increase vocabulary and identify sounds - play words such as I spy.
- Sing alphabet songs and talk about the names of letters and the sounds they make.
- Make letter shapes out of play dough or corn flour/ custard.
- Encourage your child to write their name in the air.
- Encourage your child to sing and say songs and rhymes and tell you their own stories.
- Encourage your child to listen to others and think about what has been said.
- Talk about words that rhyme
- Encourage your child to read signs in the environment.
- Encourage your child to engage in writing activities such as writing words and shopping lists.