

Dear Parents,

Today is very exciting for everyone in the Nursery. We plan to begin lending our Play Resource packs for you and your child to enjoy. This is part of the Getting Ready to Learn: Education works in Pre School project that I mentioned to you last term. The aim of this is to empower you, the parents, to engage in diverse play activities which will enhance your child's ability to learn.

I have written some guidance material for each activity which should illustrate the learning potential to you. Don't be limited by this! Feel free to further develop your child's play e.g. by finding out more about the toy animals, where do they come from, what sounds do they make, what are their babies called, what are their bodies covered in.

The range of activities and level of involvement in them will give you a flavour of some of the competencies of and challenges faced by your child at this stage.

Each week your child may choose a different play resource pack to take home. You will sign this out on the sheet provided. When you return it, indicate on the sheet that you have done so. We ask that you please take care of the packs and try not to let small pieces get lost or go astray. Also, be mindful that the other children in the class have to utilise the resource, so please return it in a clean and hygienic condition.

Many packs contain small pieces e.g. staples, so it is your responsibility to ensure safe play by engaging and being watchful.

We would love to get a comment from you and your child on how you both enjoyed each activity. Therefore, we have included a small notebook in each pack to jot down how you both got on with the pack and if your child learned anything new from the play pack that week.

All that is left for me to say now is...Have fun playing with your child and enjoy supporting their learning during these important years.

And, yes, Education REALLY works in Pre School!

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