

Ideas for what to do with words and numbers at home

Number activities (resources needed: print or write out sets of numbers, paper to make boards, pencils/pens or counters/random stuff)

Matching games (numbers face up to be easier, facedown as memory game to be harder eg find 4 and 4)

Making numbers (choose number card and collect that many coins/pencils/forks/bits of lego...)

Ordering numbers (whole set, several sequential numbers 4,5,6 or several randomly selected numbers, 3, 7, 13) – which is bigger/smaller/more/less? How do you know?

Snap

Bingo – caller can say numbers or properties of numbers (multiple of 2, 5 tens, greater than...)

Hide numbers around the room then children find and read them

Match numeral (17) to word (seventeen)

Match numeral, word, tens and ones image (eg 25, twenty five, two tens and 5 ones)

Loops of string – make a shape – 4 corners, longer, wider, 5 corners, parallel edges...

Phonic activity ideas (Resources needed: abc boards, word walls, paper, pencils/pens/counter type items)

Sound/phoneme bingo

High frequency word bingo – either adult writes words or children find on word walls and copy their choices

Snap – phonemes, words, phonemes in words (ie look for same digraphs)

Hide words/phonemes in house then find and read

Sort correctly and incorrectly written words (treasure/trash)

Make own abc mats with own pictures (list of ideas for pictures on website)

Onset/rime mix n match – what cvc nonsense words can you make (not real words – eg snen/fren/cen/snut/frut/cut...) – focus on sounding and blending

Hide words under toys – pick up/turn over and read (probably more EYFS)

Adult misreading words so child can correct them (don't misread all)

Silly sentences with words (use High Frequency Words eg my big mum is in the little house – include full stop if you can).

Make texture/pattern words/sounds – choose phoneme/word that child is finding hard to remember and make it look distinctive in a bigger size – eg fluffy pink, tinfoil, bits of stick...

Writing activities

Write an information book about something of special interest – fishing, minecraft, ballet

Write a story about anything you like

Write a letter to a grandparent or family you can't see (hopefully they will write back and then you have a reading activity too!)

Write a line/paragraph of a story then send it to a friend to write the next line/paragraph then send it back... until the story is finished.

Write a diary

Make up stories together – what is going to happen next? Don't need to write, just be creative!

Reading activities

Read a story to a toy

Record them reading a story to send to family/friends

Read a story then make a puppet show of it/perform it/make an animation of it

Read a story to your child