

Supporting your child's learning at home



Recently at ACE Day Nursery:

We have been introducing name bags for some children who are showing an interest in the letters of their name. The bags contain wooden letters to spell out the child's name and objects which start with those letters. So, for example, here we have; an elephant, a lion, an orange, a dog, ink and another elephant. And in the second photograph we have; a photograph of an elephant, a lion, ink, an apple and a snake.

Staff have been providing the children with opportunities to:

- *Use simple sentences
 - *Use a variety of questions e.g. what, where and who
 - *Imitate drawing simple shapes such as circles and lines
 - *Practice using a three finger tripod grip to hold writing tools
 - *Distinguish between the different marks they make
 - *Learn they have similarities and differences that connect them to, and distinguish them from, others
- (Development Matters in the Early Years Foundation Stage - EYFS)

For you to try at home:

Children need time to practise skills, and having time to revisit play and activities in the home environment will embed these newly learnt skills even deeper.

*Create a name bag for your child. Using everyday objects (rather than toys) might prompt further conversations, as well as introducing a sensory element. Have the bag accessible so the child can initiate the activity and even use it imaginatively in their play.



*We have these mirrors at nursery. Try placing mirrors where young children can see their own reflection. Talk with them about what they see. Mirrors are a stimulating resource for younger children which will support the development of understanding.

Try these songs at home:

- *Roll your sleeves up
- *Wash your hands
- *Clean up