

# Cabbage Patch news letter May 2020



This month's news letter has a different format. Our aim is to provide ideas of fun and learning for you to incorporate into your child's day using ways we would be at Cabbage Patch. We will start incorporating the topic of transport following on from animals into our learning plans. The farm picture "Where are my babies" is a colour, cut out, sticking and glue activity, with pretend animals you can create your own farm, talk about the animals, the work of the farmer, incorporate a tractor, I have included a photo of the farm Joshua has set up ready for play. There are pictures of bears, camels and elephants to colour. Talk to your child about how some children ride camels and elephants to school, Elmer the elephant is a fun book to read and the children love to act being the animals, great noises are heard and lots of giggles. The car picture has dots to go over practicing letter formation. The lorry to perhaps finger paint and discuss bringing foods to our shops leads into role play at the shops, your kitchen might be disorganised but you will have learning fun together, the prices children charge are either very cheap or very, very expensive. Thomas the Tank Engine is still popular and two different activity sheets are included, one to colour the other to practice going in the lines, learning left to right. Also included are work sheets which explain how we learn in specific areas, The seven learning areas are Personal, social and emotional development, Understanding of the world, (includes I.T.) language and communication, literacy, mathematics, physical development and expressive arts and design which is all about being creative with art materials, music, dance, imagination. Examples provided include the rocking horse showing physical development, two ships one for shapes, one for numbers in maths, house for understanding. Our practice is to write or photograph examples of how they meet each point and the child themselves colours in the matching section. Lots of encouragement and praise is given. In general they are very proud of their "work" and talk about you seeing them either in their folders or when they bring pictures home. We connect a written or drawn piece of work to practical play e.g. The learning areas on the horse are obviously great for outdoor play, the ships practically during water play you could do in the bath. We practice mark making, forming letters etc. every time we do a work sheet. Included is an early writing experience list and we would appreciate it if you can complete this and where possible send examples of how your child achieved it. Staff will deliver packs to your homes on Tuesday May 5th. and will re collect them on Wednesday May 20th.

We are all working with one goal of caring for those children who need us the most in the present situation and looking forward to opening our doors to all children as soon as possible. Thanks for your continued understanding and remember we are only a call or text away so stay in touch and let us know if we can help in any way. I have four staff in Preschool at all times and contact the others who are caring for their own families at home, they always want updates on your children and like you are hoping for a return to as "normal life" as possible in the near future. Stay well, and keep safe Pauline Yates.