

Activities and Learning Objectives for the topic of OCCUPATIONS. Spring Term 2020

We will introduce the topic by watching the dvd A Child's Eye View of People Who Help Us and using the section in the book You Choose about jobs. The topic will be supported by use of stories, non fiction books and puzzles. There will be role play provided for all occupations most of which will provide opportunities to place writing and mark making in meaningful contexts. Many will provide the basis for work on staying safe and keeping healthy. The occupations will include:-

Paleontologists

This has been included because many of the children have demonstrated an interest in dinosaurs in their All About Me boxes (they will get another go with these this term). We will put up a wall chart that everyone can contribute interesting facts to. We will play digging for dinosaur bones, matching them to a skeleton grid once found. There is the dinosaurland for small toy dinosaurs to play on and we will make interesting environments for the larger toy dinosaurs to play on outside using natural resources. We will play sorting and matching games using a variety of criteria with the models and count and complete sums with dinosaur number cards.

Firefighters

Play will include dressing up and role play. We will talk about the fire drill and safety in the home.

Doctors

We will set up role play situations and talk about health issues such as diet and exercise and the importance of sleep

Dentist

I will try and organise a visit from the oral hygienist to talk to the children about cleaning their teeth and healthy eating.

Mechanics

We will make vehicles from construction sets and junk. We will set up a role play situation where the children can put the toy push along cars on a ramp and mend them with the workbench tools. We will play with the cars, mat and garage and build the jigsaw road. We will watch the dvd about road safety and reinforce with some activities.

Postal workers

We will 'write' letters to send home and visit the post office. We will look at stamps and design our own

Vets

We will set up a role play surgery and talk about looking after our pets. We will read lots of stories about animals

Chefs

We will cook and talk about safety in the kitchen and the importance of washing hands. There are many maths activities around weighing and measuring

Refuse Collectors

We will sort materials- paper, wood, metal and glass and talk about the importance of recycling. We will also make junk models

Builders

The children will look at different styles of housing and look at houses around the world. We will build with real little bricks and mortar, construction sets and junk models. There will be lots of large scale materials for den building.

Farmers

We will look at the various crops that farmers grow, supported by Tractor Ted dvds and the Apple Tree Farm books, amongst others. This provides another opportunity to discuss healthy eating. We have a variety of farm based puzzles. And games. We will try to visit Burwash Manor

Shopkeepers

This provides the opportunity for many maths activities and introduce looking at money

We will also look at *Musicians* and *dancers*, tying them into the work from the music & movement work on a Monday; *Artists* experimenting with different painting techniques; *authors* and *actors* telling and acting out stories and *sportsmen/women* playing different games. Here is a useful website for exercise ideas :-

www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up-shakeups

Please let me know if you could help with any of these or if have a different interesting job that you would like to tell the children about or provide interesting artefacts/equipment