

Good morning Red Class! Tuesday April 21st 2020

It's Tuesday - time to do some handwriting practice, and think about our 'Seed Stories' once again!

And don't forget, you can always choose any activity from the Red Class Home Learning Pack!

Handwriting

Today we are practising the 'long line' family of letters. These all start at the top and then continue with a down stroke:

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Have a look at the next document for some video clips, pictures and support for these letter sounds and how to write them.

We love this fun handwriting interactive at school - have a look here! <http://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/skyWriter/index.html>

There are so many rainbows in windows across Crowborough - I see them whenever I go out for a walk! So, I thought we could have a try at some Rainbow Writing today!

What you need:

Lots of coloured pens, pencils, crayons or even paints; paper, whatever size you like!

Choose which sound to start with. Choose a coloured pencil or pen and write the sound - don't forget to start at the top, and make a lovely straight down stroke! Then choose another coloured pen or pencil and write your sound once again **over the top!** Continue with as many colours as you like. Try every 'long line' letter in this way. Maybe you could write your name in Rainbow Writing?

Have a look at my video on the Red Class web page to see me trying it out!

'Seed Stories' - Super Soil!

This term we will be exploring the soil plants grow in - what is soil made of? Do any creatures live in the soil? How does soil help plants grow? What happens to soil at different times?

This week, we will start by exploring some soil!

What you need:

Apron or old clothes, large bowl or tray, smaller pots or cups, old spoons or utensils for mixing, water, and some SOIL! If you dig your soil up from the garden, be careful with any creatures you might find in it - put them carefully back in your garden.

If you don't have an outdoor space to collect some soil, don't worry! You could try flour or cornflour in your tray or bowl and could even add some cocoa or drinking chocolate powder for a real soil look! You could even try mixing in some water for a gloopy 'muddy' mixture!

Try these ideas:

- Make a mud cafe or kitchen - what will you serve today?
- Make mud soup - what will go in your soup today? Check with an adult about what you could collect from your garden to add to your soup.
- Measuring - how many small pots of mud mixture will fill a larger pot? How many small spoonfuls will fill your smallest pot?
- Make a muddy farm with toy animals, or a dirt car race track for vehicles. Don't forget to wash down your farm animals, and take your vehicles to the car wash too!
- Make a muddy building site with toy diggers! Shovel the mud to make roads and hills, perhaps you could add some pebbles, gravel or sticks to create a landscape?

Extra activity (but only if you want to!):

Where do you find soil?

If you have an outdoor space, can you draw a picture of your garden?

Show each area and what you can see there - grass, earth, bricks, flowers, pond, trees, fences, bushes, paving slabs?

Where can you see the soil? What different objects or materials are covering the soil?

If you don't have an outdoor space, don't worry, you can look out of a window and draw the outdoor space you can see.