



Dear Parents/Carers

New to Reception Holiday Homework

Here is a list of things that you could do during the holidays to help prepare your child for starting in Reception.

- Read daily with your child
- Number and letter formation - See the attached sheet which explains how letters are formed.
- Practise the Alphabet Rap – See the attached ([http://www.oasisacademyshirleypark.org/sites/default/files/files/alphabet%20rap\(1\).mp3](http://www.oasisacademyshirleypark.org/sites/default/files/files/alphabet%20rap(1).mp3))
- Practise counting to 20 and recognising the numbers individually.
- Practise writing numbers – use the attached sheet.
- Practise writing your child's name using the rhymes on the attached sheet.
- Write a holiday diary with pictures to share when we start school.

Please do not worry if you do not have time to have a go at some of the activities above but bear in mind that in order for the children to be ready for Reception then they do need to be doing some of the above activities very confidently on their own.

We wish you a very pleasant and happy Summer holidays.

The Reception Team

Useful site

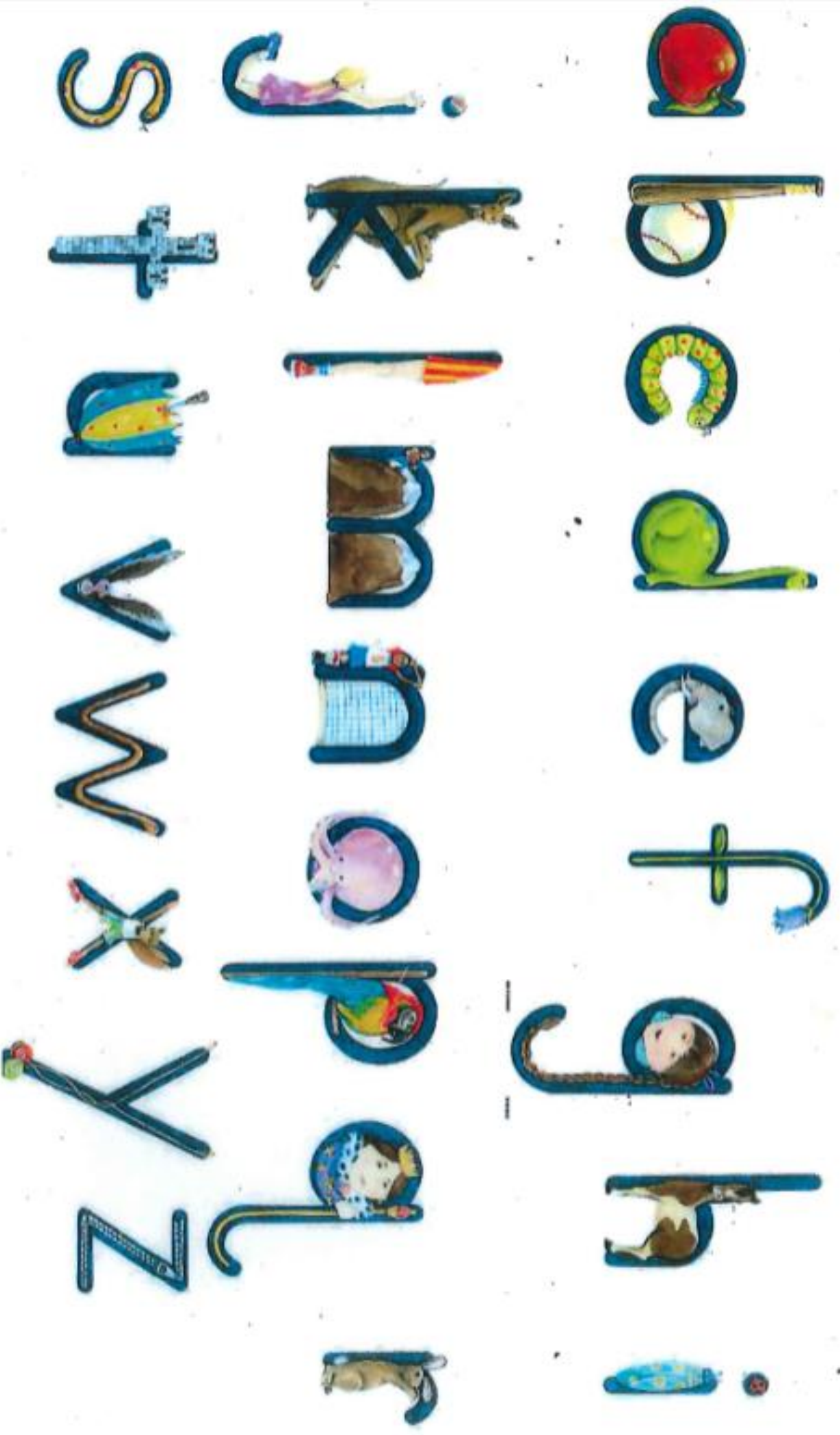
<http://www.doorwayonline.org.uk/literacy/letterformation/>

The Alphabet Chant

A is for apple	Pretend to take a bite of an apple.
B for bat and ball	Pretend to hit a ball with a bat.
C is for caterpillar climbing up the wall	Move one finger in the shape of a "c," then use two hands to climb upwards.
D is for dinosaur	Place your arms in front of you, on top of each other. Open and close them like giant dinosaur jaws.
E is elephant	Clasp hands, bend over, and wave your "trunk."
F is for flower what a pretty scent!	Pretend to smell a flower that you are holding.
G is for girl	Girls point to themselves; boys point to a girl.
H is for horse	Gallop in place.
I is for insect crawling up my shorts!	Place two fingers on top of your head like antennae and wiggle them. Smack an invisible insect on your leg.
J is for jump	Raise your arms high in the air, and leap up once.
K for kangaroo	Hop three times.
L is for legs walking to the zoo	Shake your legs and point to them. Walk in place.
M is for mountain	Make a mountain by placing your arms above your head with fingertips together.
N is for net	Hold your arms to the side, making a circle shape.
O is for octopus wiggly and wet	Wave your arms around.
P is for parrot	Open and close one hand to make the mouth of a talking parrot.
Q is for queen	Place in imaginary crown on your head.
R is for rabbit hopping on the green	Hop with your hands on your head like long ears.
S is for snake	Squirm your whole body like a snake.
T is for tower	Stand very tall, and stretch your arms out from your shoulders in the shape of a "t."
U for umbrella keeps you dry in a shower	Pretend to open and hold an umbrella.
V is for vulture	Hold arms up in a "v" shape, and then bring them down to imitate a flying vulture.
W is for worm	Wiggle your finger like a worm.
X is exercising fox now we take a turn	Do jumping jacks.
Y is for yo-yo	Pretend to make a yo-yo go down and up.
Zip starts with Z	Pretend to zip up your coat.
Now I know my alphabet They're all in my head	Pat hands on your chest and smile.

Letter Cues

Apple:	Left around the apple and down the leaf /a/ (stretch)
Bat & Ball:	Down the bat and right around the ball /b/
Caterpillar:	Curl left around the caterpillar /c/
Dinosaur:	Left around his back, then head to toe /d/
Elephant:	Right under his ear, then all around his trunk /e/ (stretch)
Flower:	Curve down the flower, then across the leaves /f/ (stretch)
Girl:	Left around the girl, down her plait and curl /g/
Horse:	From head to toe and over his back /h/
Insect:	Go down the insect, lift and dot /i/ (stretch)
Jane Jumps:	Down Jane's back, up to her toes. Jump to the ball /j/
Kangaroo:	From head to toe, arm up, kick out /k/
Leg:	Down the long, long leg /l/ (stretch)
Mountains:	From the man go down, climb one mountain and another /m/ (stretch)
Net:	From head to toe and over the net /n/ (stretch)
Octopus:	Left around the octopus /o/ (stretch)
Parrot:	From head to tail then right round the parrot /p/
Queen:	Left around the queen and way down her staff /q/
Rabbit:	From head to tail and along his paws /r/ (stretch)
Snake:	Left around, right around, from head to tail /s/ (stretch)
Tower:	Go down the tower, lift and cross /t/
Umbrella:	Right under the umbrella, up and down /u/ (stretch)
Vulture:	Down one wing and up the other /v/ (stretch)
Worm:	Wiggle down, wiggle up, down and up /w/
Exercising Fox:	Left hand to right toe, right hand to left toe /x/
Yo-yos:	Slant right down one string and way down the other /y/
Zip:	Zig right, zag left, zig right /z/ (stretch)



Letter Formation Practice Sheet

a b c d e f g h i

j k l m n o p q r

s t u v w x y z

Number Formation

Can you trace the numbers?

