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Supporting and Enhancing
your child's development



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AIMS OF
EDUCATION



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RESPONSIBILITY
OF PARENTS



Phonological Awareness

The ability to reflect upon and consciously manipulate the sound structures of language at each level—word, syllable, and phoneme.

Phonological awareness is an umbrella term for a broad set of skills like phoneme isolation, blending, and segmentation.
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Reading

Reading with children, rather than just to them is one of the most impactful ways you can enhance their development, it is also lots of fun!

The link to the right is a short read on dialogic book talk.

What is it?

In dialogic reading, the adult helps the child become the teller of the story. The adult becomes the listener, the questioner, the audience for the child. No one can learn to play the piano just by listening to someone else play. Likewise, no one can learn to read just by listening to someone else read. Children learn most from books when they are actively involved.



family

Family - How dialogic reading makes story time stronger

Ten Ways to Encourage Mark making in Early Childhood

How to Approach Writing in the Early Years

Writing

Learning to write is a complex process that involves learning many skills. First, children need to learn to speak, build their vocabulary and develop the fine motor coordination they will need to manipulate a writing instrument. As they grow, they need to learn about the alphabet and to make connections between spoken and written words.

The two articles to the left, offer fantastic ideas and information.





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Subitising



In Nursery, we are on a mission for all children to become expert
subitizers.

Why?

Subitising lays the foundation for more advanced mathematical
understanding by allowing children to grasp the concept of number as a
quantity, rather than just a symbol or a sequence. By being able to
recognize small groups of objects without counting, children can develop
a strong sense of numbers and their relationships.

When they practise subitising, children develop their ability to recognize
and quickly comprehend the quantities of objects, a skill that can help
them with mental calculations, estimation and problem-solving.

Above are two useful videos.
Karen Wilding is a leading international
Early Years maths Consultant.

Video 1: Karen talks about what subitising
is and
why it is so important

Video 2: Karen demonstrates some fun
and easy
subitising games you can do at home.

Outdoors, outdoors, outdoors!

The small box doesn't represent the importance.
The benefits of outdoor learning are undeniable.
The links below provide information and activity
ideas!
Enjoy!

38 ideas for outdoor learning
Nature Activity Ideas

