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**Parents as Partners- helping your child to grow.**

* Hello to all of our Nursery families, we hope you are all well and adjusting to the new home-schooling routines.
* Myself, Mrs Knowles and Mrs Wheeler would like to say a BIG well done to you all for a fabulous first week of online TEAMs sessions.
* The children have worked so hard and the participation from both children and parents has been amazing. It has been an absolute pleasure to receive so many emails and photographs of all the learning activities that you have been doing at home, we really do appreciate it!
* Just a reminder about the online PE sessions that Mr Swift will run twice a week. There will be one on a Monday 1pm-2pm and another session on a Friday at 9.30am.
* Mrs Thornton will meet you on TEAMs every Friday morning at 9.20am for register and then you can join the Nursery & Upper Foundation PE group at 9.30am.
* After PE every Friday your learning activity will be to practise writing your name and numbers. This can be done with pencils, pens, paints, chalks or even finger writing in a tray of rice, shaving foam or salt. Make it as fun as possible and don’t forget to send us your photos!
* I will email you all a PowerPoint presentation that demonstrates number formation with catchy little rhymes, this will support your children when learning to write their numbers.
* We understand that these are difficult times for everybody, please do not hesitate to contact us nthornton@hendal.wakefield.sch.uk, rknowles@hendal.wakefield.sch.uk, any questions, please ask.

**Thank you for your support,**

**Mrs Thornton, Mrs Knowles and Mrs Wheeler**

**Our challenge of the**

**week:**

Can you make a picture of a symmetrical butterfly? Make sure each side of your butterfly looks exactly the same. Look for other symmetrical objects in the house.

**50 Things To Do Before You’re 5**

9. Minibeast and Bug Hunting- Go in the garden or for a walk, How many minibeasts can you find? Look under logs and stones, draw what you find!

**Our Topic is:**

**Nursery Rhymes**

**Incy Wincy Spider**

**Story and Songs**

Read stories about other minibeasts, e.g. The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Bad Tempered Ladybird, What the Ladybird Heard, The Very Greedy Bee. These stories can be found on YouTube if you don’t have the books at home.

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**Creative Challenge**

Use playdough, collage materials, felts, paints or chalks to draw your favourite minibeast. My favourite is a ladybird! You could use Google Images on the internet to search for ideas.

Lower Foundation Learning Flower Date: 15/1/21

**Maths Challenge**

Play the Caterpillar Ordering game on the Topmarks website. Support your child to recognise the numbers and put them in order. Focus on numbers 1-5 and extend to 10 if your child is confident.

**Our challenge of the week is:**

Can you talk about the changes you can see in Autumn? What autumnal objects can you find?

**Ideas of stories to share at home:**

Elmer stories

The Day the Crayons Quit