

Week 7 blog: week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> May.

Just a thought today before you read this week's blog:

Do you ever find yourself about to sit down or to concentrate on something for just a minute and then a small person comes along and you forget what you were even about to do?

In all seriousness though grabbing five minutes in your day can make the world of difference - whether it's to drink a hot cup of tea, take an uninterrupted shower or just sit down for 5 minutes knowing that everyone is okay and you can just take a moment to relax.

However, I am a mum and although my children are all grown up, I know full well that little ones don't make this very easy, mine are just 16 months apart and those first few years they



kept me on my toes!

But my message to you all now it is half term week is to ensure you look after yourselves, self-care is something we all need and especially you the parents it is NOT a selfish act, or doing something you do not enjoy doing.

Self-care may be the last thing you think you have time for with your children to take care of, but it is so important that as mums (and dads) you take care of yourselves and find five minutes in the busy days of parenthood - even if it is when your children are in their land of dreams as they sleep the night away.

Now it is time to share this week's amazing activities from your homes with your friends at school.

This week there has been an amazing amount of pre writing and writing skills that have been completed during your children's learning.

As you look through the photographs see if you can spot the pictures where a child has been using their skills for writing - answers on a postcard please! No only joking.

At the end of this blog I will list the pictures and you can see how they support all children's writing skills.



Making cards for relatives and writing our names independently.



Using the environment where we live to hunt for natural resources and create a Colour Palette.



Out for a walk to Solomon's Temple in Buxton (now we can drive for walks).



A walk around the beautiful village where we live



and to the local area of Rudyard



Ready some fun in the sunshine and enjoying a family picnic.



Enjoying a special treat of fish and chips.



A busy time silaging on family farms.



Role playing being a farmer

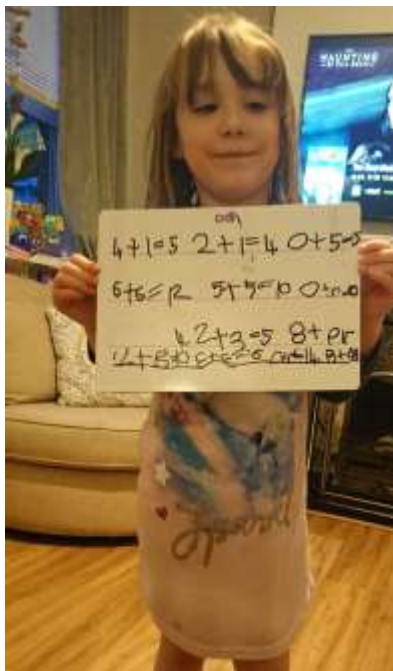
Rolling the barrel down the hill ...



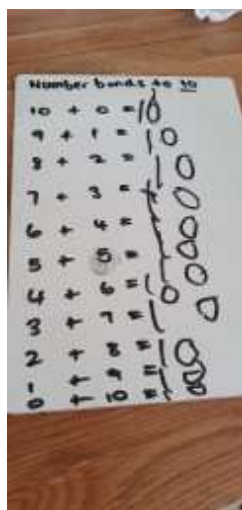
and hiding inside the barrel.



An early birthday present - and learning to look after them.



Maths learning instead of being in bed!



Practising number bonds to 10.



Working through some maths problems.



Finding numbers to 20 on the dice.



Finding numbers to 6 and spending time together playing board games.



Helping to make a new sandpit



Discussing how long, short the sides were, using a tape measure to recognise the numbers



and testing how strong the sand pit is before adding the sand toys.

and making patterns and handprints



Learning the different preposition words when placing our toys around the house.



Threading pasta to make our own necklace.



Making daisy chains.



Treasured moments as we start on our phonics and reading journeys.



Colouring, cutting and writing about the picture.



Independently writing some trickier sounds in key words.



Making macaroon nests



and our own sandwiches for dinner.



Role playing being a beautiful mermaid - we just need some sea now.



Creating lots and lots of chalk patterns.



A challenge for Mrs Hulme to guess what had been drawn.

Is it is an apple?



Learning about the different groups of animals and simple classification.



Independent dot to dot and colouring.



Watering our pea plants and watching them as they begin to



grow



Planting tomato plants in the beautiful sunshine



and seeds - what will they become?



Completing a treasure hunt on the football pitch and having bubbles as the treasure (what a super idea).



Creating a fabulous butterfly



and an ant with her brother

And finally, did you spot all the activities that are the skills needed for writing?

The answers to our pre writing / writing quiz are:

- Colouring
- Name writing
- Using glue to stick resources together
- Pushing and pulling e.g. a barrel
- Climbing
- Making our own sandwiches - using a knife to spread the butter
- Writing numbers

- Rolling a small item e.g. dice
- Drawing
- Threading pasta
- Making a daisy chain
- Writing sounds and words
- Baking
- Independent dressing skills including fastening zips and buttons
- Chalking
- Planting seeds
- Creating art and craft activities

I hope the above list and this week's blog shows you at home that your children's learning is in everything they do, it is all around them, each minute and hour of everyday they are learning something new.

Please take time to relax as a family next week, keep creating special memories and



remember:

Love from Joy Hulme X