

Supporting at home

Here are some ideas of how to support learning at home by making it fun for everyone using everyday objects.

1. Chinese whispers - ask your child to whisper a sound or number to you (or several family members) - write down the number and see if it matches (then swap roles)
2. At bath/shower time practise writing letters/numbers on a steamy window or mirror. How many bath toys can you get to float in a margarine tub before it sinks (great for 1 more/1 less language!)
3. When out for a walk, look for numbers - how many numbers can you spot between 0 and 20? Post boxes, doors, signs, car registration plates. Record them together if they would like and compare what you have found on different days!
4. Paint letters/numbers on pebbles with paint/nail varnish. Play with them, order them or make a treasure hunt. How quickly can you 'grab' a number that is shouted? This can be extended by grabbing the number that is one more/one less than the number shouted. Can you grab the number that is 1 and 2 added together?!
5. Shops! Children love using real pennies to 'buy' items in a make shift shop. Any items will do. Make simple labels and have a purse full of pennies to buy things. Take turns at being the shopkeeper and customer.
6. Chalk - chalk a hopscotch (numbers or letters) on the patio/at the park. Throw the stone to a number and hop around it. Use a beanbag/ball to hit a target number on the ground/wall.
7. Number cards and letter and digraph cards can be made simply from cereal packets or by sticking them onto the back of old playing cards. These can then be used for a 'quick as a flash' game at meal times or in the car - choose a few that are tricky and some that your child feels confident with and 'flash them' to see if they can recall them quickly. The same can be done with tricky words although this should not be the only way you practise these as it will become boring and may put your child off.

There are lots of good games available on the internet as well although keep them to a time limit to keep a healthy 'screen time' and always supervise them when using the internet.

www.ictgames.com more/less bugs

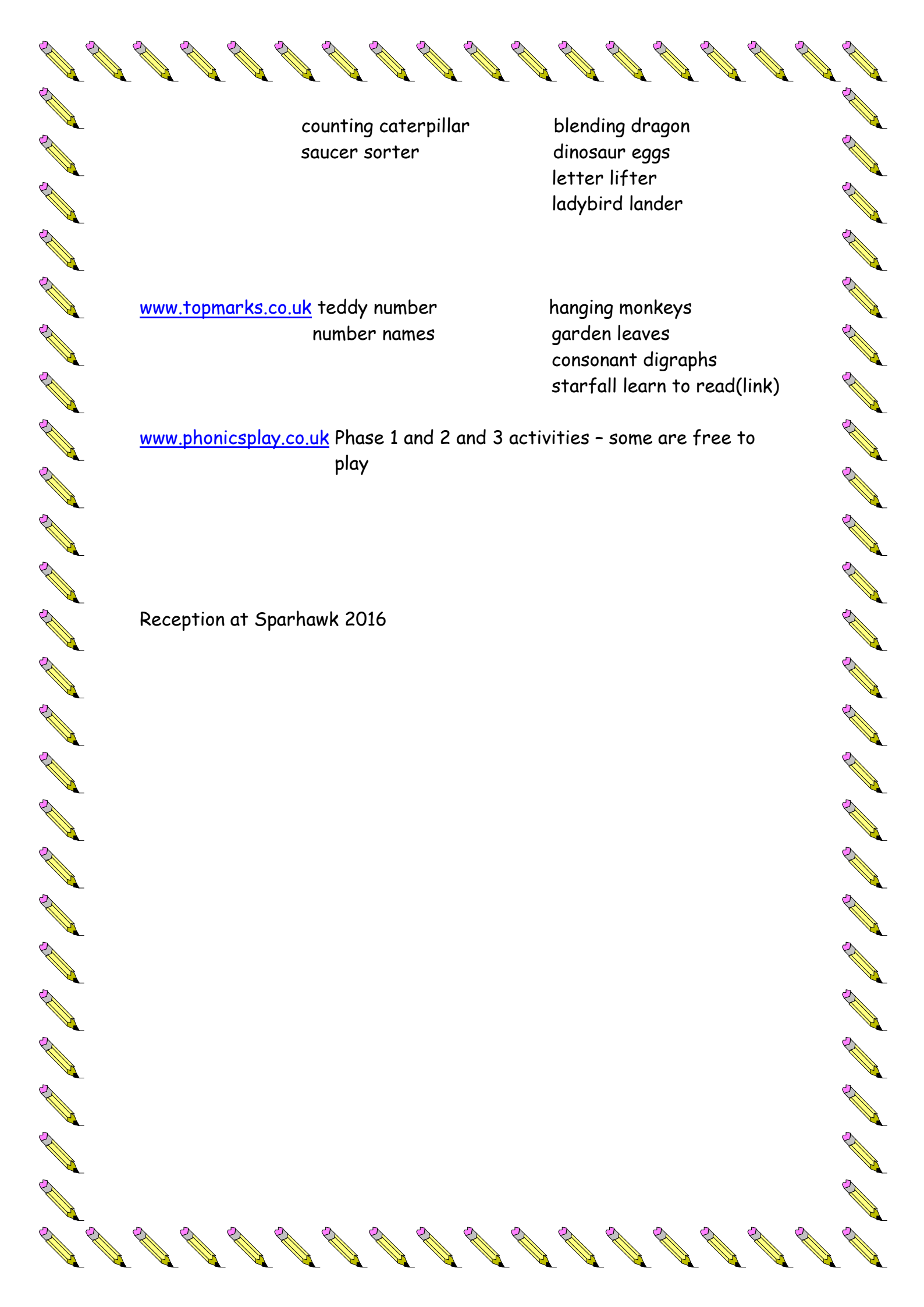
post a letter

whack a mole

rhyming rockets

phoneme pop

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counting caterpillar
saucer sorter

blending dragon
dinosaur eggs
letter lifter
ladybird lander

www.topmarks.co.uk teddy number
number names

hanging monkeys
garden leaves
consonant digraphs
starfall learn to read(link)

www.phonicsplay.co.uk Phase 1 and 2 and 3 activities - some are free to
play

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