



YEAR R AUTUMN 1

FOUNDATIONAL KNOWLEDGE AT HOME

Little and often makes a big difference!

Helping your child remember the key knowledge they are learning this half term.
Just 5-10 minutes each day can strengthen long-term memory and build confidence.

Have fun, make it practical and celebrate every success!



KEEP REMEMBERING

Building on Nursery

These skills should continue to become automatic.



Subitise 1-3 objects without counting.

Try this...

Quickly show 1-3 toys then hide them. Ask "How many did you see?"



Count objects to 5 using one-to-one correspondence.

Try this...

Count snacks, toys or steps, touching each object once.



Recognise numerals 1-5.

Try this...

Spot numbers on doors, buses and price labels.



Say one more than numbers to 5.

Try this...

Hold up fingers and ask "One more?"



Compare groups using more and fewer.

Try this...

Compare two groups of toys or fruit.



Show 1-5 on fingers.

Try this...

Play finger games and nursery rhymes.



Retrieval practice strengthens memory and builds confidence.



THIS HALF TERM



Maths KIRFs (Autumn 1)

We are learning to:

- ✓ Subitise to 5.
- ✓ Know the parts within 5.

Examples

Subitise to 5



Parts within 5
(Part-whole models)



$$5 = 4 + 1 \quad 5 = 3 + 2 \quad 5 = 5 + 0$$

Try these at home



Use a five frame.



Hide some counters and ask "How many are hiding?"



Make 5 using toys, buttons or pasta.



Play "Show me 5" on fingers.



Communication & Language (Autumn 1)

We are learning to:

- ✓ Listen attentively and respond appropriately in a range of situations.

At home you could

- ✓ Listen carefully to stories.
- ✓ Take turns talking.
- ✓ Follow simple instructions.
- ✓ Answer questions about what you have heard.
- ✓ Join in conversations confidently.



KEEP BUILDING

Skills we develop throughout Reception



Handwriting / Physical Development

- ✓ Hold a pencil effectively, using a tripod grip where ready.
- ✓ Develop fine motor control.
- ✓ Develop gross motor strength and shoulder stability.
- ✓ Position paper correctly.
- ✓ Use scissors, paintbrushes and small tools confidently.
- ✓ Draw with increasing accuracy and care.
- ✓ Build finger strength through play.

Practice through:



Drawing



Colouring



Painting



Cutting



Playdough



Threading

and

Mark making



HOW CAN I HELP AT HOME?



Play number games.



Count everywhere.



Read together.



Encourage conversation.



Praise effort.



Learn through play.



READ EVERY DAY!

Read together for 10 minutes every day.

Talk about pictures, characters, what might happen next and new words.



PLAYFUL MATHS

Ideas:

- ✓ Five-frame games.
- ✓ Finger games.
- ✓ Dice games.
- ✓ Matching games.
- ✓ Count toys.
- ✓ Hide and reveal objects.



BBC BITESIZE

Early Years learning resources.



[bbc.co.uk/bitesize](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)



Free videos, games and activities to support learning.



Little and often is always better than lots all at once.



Make learning part of everyday life.



Strong foundations support future success.



Praise effort and celebrate progress.



Have fun learning together!