Hi everyone!

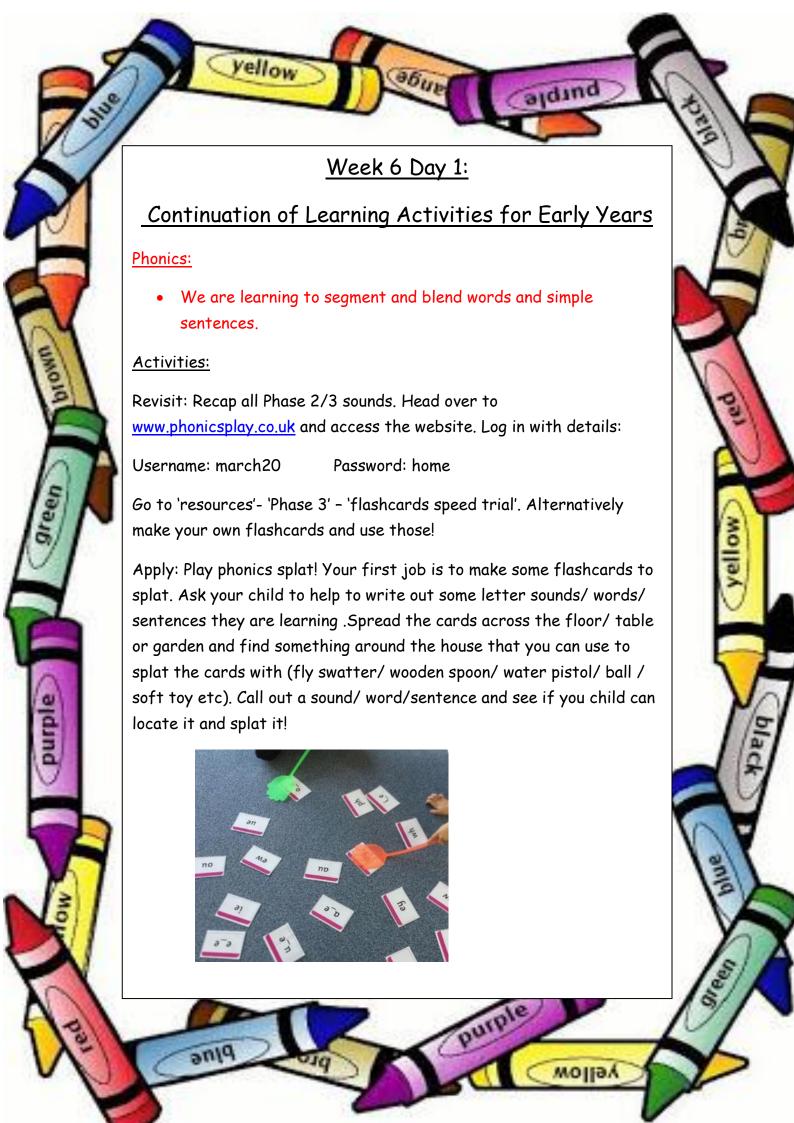
Did you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend?

It has been so lovely seeing all of the wonderful things you have been getting up to at home, keep posting photographs and messages as we love looking at them!

Enjoy the activities set this week,

Take care,

The Early Years team ©









4 Tablespoons of corn flour (corn starch)

Cold water

1 Cup of boiling water

Liquid food colouring

- 1. In a medium saucepan, mix the cornflour with enough cold water to make a paste. (Not too runny).
- 2. Pour in 1 cup of boiling water and stir thoroughly so there are no lumps.
- Turn on medium heat on the stove and mix. The mixture will start to change and you will notice
 some clear streaks forming in the mixture. Once you see this, turn off the heat and continue stirring.
 It will start to thicken and turn into a wonderful, custard-like consistency.
- 4. Spoon equal amounts into empty jars, cups or containers and add food colouring. Mixing until completely combined. For each colour, we added 3 drops of yellow, green, red and blue. To make orange, we added 1 drop of red and 2 yellow and to make purple, we added 1 drop of blue and 2 red.
- Store in the fridge covered with cling wrap for up to 2 weeks. This paint recipe does not have any preservative in it, so it is important to check that the paint has not expired before giving it to children.

Fill Your Cup: A Simple Addition Game

You Will Need:

- a pair of dice
- 2 identical clear cups or jars
- edible or non-edible counters (we chose to use grapes this time around, but berries, pretzel bites, pennies, small cube blocks or pompoms would work perfectly too. Use your imagination here!)
- 2 players

How To Play:

- 1. Decide who will go first. We usually start with the youngest player in our family.
- 2. Player 1 rolls the dice.
- 3. Player 1 adds the two numbers together shown on their dice (E.g. 4 + 2 = 6).
- 4. Player 1 adds the corresponding number of counters (in this case, grapes) to their cup and the turn is over.
- 5. Now it's player 2's turn! He/ she rolls the dice, adds the numbers together and places the corresponding number of counters into their cup.
- 6. The players continue taking turns back and forth, comparing their cups every once and a while.
- 7. When both players have had an equal number of turns and one player fills his or her cup, the game is over and the player with the full cup wins!