



TANFIELD LEA COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Tanfield Lea
Stanley
Co Durham
DH9 9LU

Telephone No: 01207 234500

Fax No: 01207 238714

E-mail address: tanfieldlea@durhamlearning.net

Web address: www.tanfieldlea-primary.durham.sch.uk

 @TanfieldPrimary

Head Teacher : Miss K Hemmings

Deputy Head : Mr M Temple

Opening Doors, Enriching Lives

Dear Parents and Carers,

23rd November 2022

Thank you to all who were able to attend one of our two recent Reception "Stay and Play" sessions.

The plan for each session was:

- To participate in a Presentation about Mathematics in Reception
- To complete mathematical tasks with your child
- To have the opportunity to explore the learning environment alongside your child

Thanks to all of you who took the time to fill in a feedback form. All adults who attended said that they would recommend the session to others and found it useful, so we won't be making any major changes when we run the session next year.

The things that you said you found most useful were:

THE PRESENTATION

The explanation of the lessons and how things are taught to the children

The explanation of subitising

The presentation on numbers was helpful / Learning how they do numbers at school

The power point explaining understanding of maths

The video was helpful

The video we watched was really helpful in terms of how they think about numbers

It was interesting to learn how the children develop their maths skills

The presentation will help how we do things at home as well as in school

To see exactly how you teach and expectations of the children

THE TASKS

Excellent to witness areas my son is good at and recognising areas to concentrate on which need improvement

Counting different objects – bears

The rhymes and actions helping them to learn

Seeing how the children learn

Seeing the Numicon and other resources

EXPLORING THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

It was great to see useful tools around the class – so much variety!

It was interesting to see my son in the learning environment

It was lovely seeing how my daughter plays while she is learning

OTHER

Lovely to come into school and see how the children learn

We have had a lovely morning

We asked for suggestions as to how we can improve this Stay and Play in future, and if there was anything you'd like to find out more about in similar Stay and Play sessions throughout the year....

"Background noise of video playing when listening to Mr Durham's presentation was distracting"

During the session we realised that this was happening and we asked for the volume to be turned down. We hope this helped. In future Stay and Play sessions we will ensure that volume on the interactive white board is not used at the other side of the classroom to make sure that this does not happen again.

"There was no time to play together"

"More time with the children to play after the tasks"

The four tasks that were set were very short and we hoped each would only take a few minutes.

The majority of children had ample time to play at the end of the session.

Next time we will recommend that if tasks are not completed by a certain time then complete the one you are doing then move onto activities selected by the child.

"More information on the teaching of numbers please"

"The further numbers from 5 and how to progress them"

"How foundation is taught"

"How you assess child-led learning"

We will consider these as focal points for Stay and Play sessions later in the year.

"It would be nice to have the Numicon printed to practice at home"

We have addressed this and since the session this has been sent home as a home learning resource.

HOME LEARNING REMINDER

Home learning is sent home on a Wednesday. Please ensure that this is returned to school in your child's home learning folder on a Monday.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Early Years Team