



Family Learning Course Offer 2020

Due to the current Covid situation all courses are to be delivered on line via a mixture of Microsoft Teams live sessions and Google Classrooms. For each course some of the resources are provided.

As parents/carers having the tools and knowledge you need to support your child's learning and education is now more important than ever. Get in touch for more information.

Nursery Rhyme Sacks (nursery and reception)

Nursery rhymes are important for young children because they help them develop an ear for our language. Both rhyme and rhythm help children hear the sounds and syllables in words, which helps them learn to read. This free 5 week course shows you how to add that extra dimension to sharing the rhymes with your child by making puppets, props and games to support the rhymes that all go in to your own family sack. Many of the resources will be provided.

Storysacks (nursery, reception, Y1, Y2)

Using Storysacks is an excellent way to create and sustain an interest in books. Children enjoy fun and interactive activities and this is a perfect way to allow children to be more hands on during story time, stimulating their minds and imagination by bringing stories to life. This 5 week course will show you how to plan and make a Storysack for your child. This includes making puppets and props, creating scenery, designing games that relate to the story and more. Many resources will be provided including the book to base the Storysack on if required.

Fun with Phonics (Nursery, reception and year 1)

Phonics is one of the 'tools' a child uses when they are learning to read and to write. Joining this course is a great way to learn how to pronounce all the sounds correctly, understand the terminology and learn how phonics helps children to read and write. As well as learning how you can help your child improve their phonics knowledge this free course will show you how to make games and activities to use at home It will also give an insight in to how you can support your child ahead of their phonics Y1 assessment. Sessions are delivered over 5 weeks, ideally you need to be able to access all of them.

Supporting your child with Reading (KS1)

Reading is integral to every element of the curriculum at school and in to the future life of your child. During this short course you will learn how children learn to read; a little about phonics and the role it plays; fluency in reading; comprehension and book talk. There is much more to 'reading with your child' than simply picking up a book, but that is the place to start! Sharing books and a love for reading is key, this course will help you expand on that.

Supporting your child with Reading (KS2)

This short course will focus on how you can support your child with their reading, it will look at ways you can talk with your child about the books they read, both for school and for pleasure. Topics include background knowledge; book talk; questions and predictions, fluency and comprehension as well as prompts and praise.

The aim is to help them continue to love reading for pleasure as well as for their learning.

Maths4Parents

Far too often we hear parents say they '*can't do maths*' or '*they don't do maths like I was taught*' – neither of which are true! You can do maths, you do it every day, you just don't think about it anymore (meal planning, budgeting etc) and the methods haven't really changed, they just call them different things like bridging and partitioning. This course will change your outlook of maths and give you the knowledge and confidence to help you to help your child with the maths they are learning in school. The methods and terminology will be covered and there will be ideas for games and resources you can make and play to make maths fun! There is an opportunity to move on from this course and complete your own maths certification if you did not gain this whilst at school yourself.

STEM in a Box (currently EYFS and KS1 only)

Written in conjunction with a team from Sheffield Hallam University this course is all about being hands-on with science. Families will conduct experiments together and talk about what they see and learn. Links will be made with the curriculum.

This course is best delivered face-to-face so is currently not available – but there will be one-off workshops live via Teams that will be advertised on the Doncaster Adult Family & Community Learning Facebook page.

Healthy Families

Using support from public health and information from websites like Change4Life, this course shows you how you can eat healthily while sticking to a budget; how to make food more interesting to your child; how important exercise is for our minds as well as our bodies; dental hygiene for children; how to make your own 'fake-aways' at home and more. There will be demonstrations of how to make/cook meals and recipes and some resources will be provided.

Family SEAL (Supporting families with English as an additional language)

This is a modular course designed for parents/carers who speak another language in addition to English. Topics include understanding the English education system; phonics; reading; maths and the value of bilingualism for a child's development. The aim is to support you as you progress through school with your