

# OTATARA SCHOOL



## Helping at Home

### Year One & Two

#### Reading

- ♦ Read aloud to your child every day as they become fluent themselves read them chapter books
- ♦ Talk about the stories you read
- ♦ Recite nursery rhymes together
- ♦ Listen to your child read their home reader and ask them to retell the story
- ♦ Read the home reader with your child so the reading sounds like talking (smooth, phrased and with expression)
- ♦ Share favourite books

#### Writing

- ♦ Provide a range of writing tools and paper types
- ♦ Draw pictures and talk about experiences
- ♦ Ask your child to tell you about their pictures and record their stories
- ♦ Help them make words with play dough, chalk, plastic letters, coloured water in the bath
- ♦ Talk about words and their meanings
- ♦ Take photos or help your child to take photos and talk about what is happening in them

#### Listening and Speaking

- ♦ Listen and talk to your child in a variety of topics, this helps develop vocabulary
- ♦ Encourage your child to speak clearly and pronounce words correctly
- ♦ Check your child is using correct grammar
- ♦ Play with puppets
- ♦ Encourage your child to give and follow instructions
- ♦ Help them record their stories or ideas  
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#### Mathematics

- ♦ Practice counting forwards and **backwards** to and from 20 then 50 then 100
- ♦ Talk about time- o'clock, days of the week, months of the year
- ♦ Sort things together into groups and talk about the ways of grouping
- ♦ Make sets of different sizes and talk about one more and one less
- ♦ Talk about size- bigger, smaller, shorter, taller etc and shape- squares, circles, triangles, rectangles etc



#### Inquiring

- ♦ Share experiences with your child that will spark their curiosity
- ♦ Follow up interests by looking in books or on the internet
- ♦ Make and create projects around science, art and technology
- ♦ Share outdoor experiences together