Literacy - we are focusing on primates and reading the story The Chimpanzees of Happytown by Giles Andreae. You can watch this on you tube with the link below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKB1CjTxUyw

We are learning about rhyming words using the story See You Later Alligator by Sally Hopwood. You can watch this on you tube with the link below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtSNNWLcxyw

Maths - we are focusing on shape and patterns. Here are some great games to play together;

Finish the pattern

Lots of learning in reception happens through our continuous provision and children accessing learning through play and exploration. This can be enhanced at home as detailed below;

Writing - the children are drawing and labelling maps of a zoo - this would be a perfect activity to complete at home. The map could be based on a real zoo or wildlife park you have visited or an imaginary one. We are also looking at CVC rhyming words and the children are writing list with this words such as cat, hat, mat, sat, bat. You could do this with magnetic letters.

Maths - building on last week's learning the children are adding together amounts of money. At home you could set up a 'shop' selling different items and use 1p coins to buy two items with.

Construction - designing, making and building things allow children to build on many skills including planning, testing and refining their models. In school this week we are designing monkey bars to go inside a primate enclosure. Your child could do this at home using junk modelling, lego, wooden bricks etc.

Sensory - sensory play allows children to experiement. This week the children are exploring clay - how it can be changed and what they can do with it. At home you can use other sensory materials such as dough (see below for a recipe), plasticine, air drying modelling clay etc

Investigation - this promotes curiosity and questioning - in class we are finding out about animals through reading different clues. At home you can look at <u>National Geographic kids</u> website to find out more about different animals. Why not make a poster or leaflet to show what you have learnt?

Technology - we use a range of different websites and technology at school. A fantastic skill for your child to practise at home would be finding letters on a keyboard (PC or tablet) to be able to write some words.