

## **Family learning at White Hall Academy: Sept 2017-18**

Below is a list of courses available through Family Learning. Further details and course outlines are available. Please contact Donna in Nursery (Early years courses) and Suzy Watts (for main school) if you would like to book courses for the new academic year. We need 8 attendees to run each course – crèche provided.

### **Keeping Up With the Children**

#### ✓ **English**

This course is aimed at parents, grandparents and carers of children and offers adults information about the structure, teaching methods and content of the literacy curriculum so that they can support their children's literacy learning at school. Up to 7 weeks.

#### ✓ **'SATS' Attack – English**

(KS2) The course offers information about the structure, teaching methods and content of the literacy curriculum so that they can support the children's literacy learning. Past SATS papers will be used to help parents/carers to support the children through their SATS preparation. Two hour sessions with parents working with the tutor for the first hour and joined by their children for some of the second hour. Up to 7 weeks.

#### ✓ **Family Phonics**

A Phonics course for parents with children in KS1 (Yr 1 or Yr 2). Children working towards phonics assessments. Children to join their parents for some time in each session. Up to 7 weeks.

#### ✓ **Story Sacks**

The aim of a story sack is to give a parent confidence to enjoy books and reading together with their child, thus creating a combined learning experience. (Preschool and School) This programme provides opportunities for parent and child to:

- Listen to good stories read aloud
- Talk and extend vocabulary
- Read for meaning
- Extend general knowledge
- Develop social skills
- Improve confidence and stimulate an interest in books and stories

A 2hr session with parents working with the tutor for the first hour and joined by their children for some of the second hour. Up to 7 weeks.

#### ✓ **Maths**

This course is aimed at parents, grandparents and carers, and offers adults information about the structure, teaching methods and content of the Numeracy curriculum so that they can support their children's numeracy learning at school parents/carers only. Up to 7 weeks.

✓ **'SATS' Attack –**

Mathematics (KS2). This course is aimed at parents who wish to gain an understanding of KS2 Maths and the SATs exams, and who wish to offer support to their children with Maths homework. Two hour sessions with parents working with the tutor for the first hour and joined by their children for some of the second hour. Up to 7 weeks.

✓ **Family ESOL/EAL**

A basic programme that covers reading, writing, speaking and listening for parents. This can be themed around a subject of your choice. Up to 7 weeks.

✓ **Play & Language (0-3)**

This course offers parents and carers the opportunity to do the following: · Help children to learn through play – games and activities to do at home · Recognise and encourage pre-reading skills · Choose age-appropriate books to share with children · Find out how children learn to read · Explore learning styles; their own and their child's Each session is centred on a book, which provides the theme for the learning activities during the crèche time as well as the joint time. Two hour sessions with parents working with the tutor for the first hour and joined by their children for some of the second hour. Up to 7 weeks.

✓ **E- safety**

Parents learn how to use ICT confidently to communicate and access information· find out how children are using ICT to enhance their learning · Learn about study and search skills and access web sites · find out about local and online learning opportunities and other services and support · explore how they can support their children's learning online whilst promoting safe use of the internet. Up to 7 weeks.

## **Parenting Courses**

✓ **Understanding Children**

By the end of the course the learner should be able to: Identify needs behind behaviour · Recognise and accept children's feelings in a positive way · Listen to children in a more open way · Demonstrate the use of assertive language · Choose from a range of strategies to put fair boundaries into place. Up to 7 weeks.

✓ **Managing Behaviour**

By the end of the course the learner should be able to: Identify assertive behaviour and the advantages · Recognise the impact of body language in communication and the power of listening in assertive communication · Find out what lies behind sibling rivalry and the best ways to tackle this issue. Up to 7 weeks.

✓ **Boys & Girls**

Dealing With Difference The aim of this course is to identify ways of meeting the individual gender needs throughout the different developmental stages · To understand why there are gender differences in order to create stronger relationships. Up to 7 weeks.

✓ **Flying Start**

The aim of this course is to introduce parents of children entering reception in the following term to the foundation stage curriculum and school life. Up to 7 weeks.

✓ **Workshops**

One off sessions, ideal for introducing family learning into a new venue or as activities for half term and other holidays. Many of these can also be developed into longer courses.

✓ **Number Sacks**

A number sack is a large cloth bag containing a child's book with a maths theme and supporting materials to stimulate both number and reading activities. The materials include: A maths themed child's picture book; Soft toy main characters; Objects that relate to the story; A number game related to the story.

✓ **Story Sacks workshop**

A two hour workshop with parents and children to enjoy books and reading together.

✓ **K'nex workshop Parents and children together**

The aim of this workshop is to give families the opportunity to develop their number skills by using K'nex to make a variety of models.

✓ **First Aid workshop**

You will learn a range of family first aid skills from being able to save someone's life to dealing with minor injuries found in the family home. This is a 'hands on' practical course where you will be able to spend time learning this vital skill.

## **For parents only**

### ✓ **Employability Skills**

This course is aimed at helping parents to prepare for returning to work. The course includes searching for that perfect job, writing your CV, interview techniques, self-esteem and confidence building to get that job! Up to 7 weeks.

### ✓ **English and Maths**

This course is aimed to help parents improve and update their own English and math skills so that they can help their children.