Hello my lovelies...

I can't begin to tell you how much I am missing you all. It's a good job that I have my magic 'Shirley Sharp Eyes', so that I can keep a special eye on you whilst you're at home.

I thought I would share some special news with you all. You know that Mr Nellist and I have our own children called Kim, Lucy and Joe, because I talk about them in class. Well last week some real magic happened and Kim had her own little baby boy in Australia. He's called Koa and he is very cute and looks very cuddly too. When we get back to school I can't wait to show you some of my photographs and also listen to all of your news.

Each week, I am going to be putting some suggestions on the school website, of little activities that you can be doing at home. These will be things that you can do with your grown-ups and some you can do on your own.

Area of Learning	Objective	Learning Opportunity/ How to do it
Phonics	 Learn names of letters Say the letter sounds 	Letters are like you and me, they are important and have names. We say them like when we sing the alphabet. They also make sounds and that helps us to read when we say them in isolation or when we blend them together to make words. Practise saying the names and sounds of the alphabet letters.
Reading	Tell a story	Enjoy telling your toys a story. You can use pictures in a book to help you or tell them one from memory like 'The Three Little Pigs'.
Writing	Curly Caterpillar Letters	Practise writing the curly caterpillar letters.

This week:

Maths	• 2D Shapes	Look at 2D Shapes What are their names? What are their properties? Example: I am a O circle I have 1 side that goes all the way round.
Malleable	 Playdough 	Playdough recipe – see below Can you make 2D shapes out of your playdough?
Art and Craft	• Portrait	Draw or paint a picture of yourself. Keep a copy so that we can have an art gallery when we return to school.
PE	Dance	Can you make up your own little dance routine?

Playdough Recipe

You will need:

2 cups plain flour 1 cup salt 2 tbsp vegetable oil 2 tbsp cream of tartar 2 cups boiling water Food colouring Food essence flavouring Microwave Microwavable bowl Wooden spoon

Method

- 1. Add the flour, salt, oil and cream of tartar to the bowl.
- $\ \ \, \text{If you are using food colouring and/or food essence favouring, add these to the bowl too. }$
- 3. Add 2 cups of boiling water and stir vigorously until the mixture is combined into a dough.
- 4. Microwave for 30 seconds.
- When the dough has cooled slightly, tip onto a work surface and knead until smooth and pliable.

Enjoy the rest of your week and have fun learning together.

Stay safe, stay well and keep smiling!

Mrs Nellist

