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Dear Parents,

50 things to do before you are 5 app

As a school, we are always looking for ways to help families support their children at home. Oxfordshire County Council have developed an app called '50 things to do'. The initiative is based on the simple notion that access to life-changing, fun, low or no-cost experiences with your family, indoors and outdoors, is a great way to support young children's development. 50 Things to Do helps parents develop their home learning environment so that far more children thrive by the age of five. As a result, more children develop the skills, language and resilience needed in school and beyond.

At Queensway, we use the 50 things initiative to set challenges for the children in Reception and Nursery. These are not compulsory, but just some ideas of activities and games that you are able to do as a family. The activities are lots of fun, free to do and all of them benefit your child's development.

Each week, there will be a challenge from the app posted on your child's Google Classroom. It would be great to see families getting involved and sharing how they got on through uploading videos and pictures to Evidence Me.

If you have any questions, please ask your child's teacher. You will also be able to find out more information about the app and the research behind it at: https://oxfordshire.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/before-youre-five

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