

## *Wider Family Learning Courses*

All courses are for Parents/Carers and child together. Most courses run for 6 or 9 hours (4 sessions at 2.25 hours) with the two hour ones being a taster session.

<b>Course</b>	<b>Description</b>
Family Talk	Learn about games and activities to improve family communication
Story Sacks	Find out how to use Story sacks with your child. (Further courses can be offered on making your own story sack)
Funky Food	Healthy eating can be fun. A chance for parents and children to cook together. Courses can also target Dads, lads and lasses.
Messy Play	Creative fun activities to do with your pre school child
Christmas Crafts	Make cards and gifts for a special person
Making decorations for a special occasion	Making different types of decorations to celebrate birthdays, festivals and other occasions throughout the year
Easter Treats	Craft activities for Easter for pre school and school age children
Transformers & Bratz	Make and play games and activities around your child's favourite characters
Bonfire Night Art Attack	Craft activities for Bonfire Night for 5-11 year olds
Making and Playing Games with your child	Offered as a 6 or 9 hour course, you will make games with your children that you can use at home.
Fun with rhymes and stories	Aimed at pre school children, fun activities around rhymes and stories
Family ICT	Learn how to make invitations, create stories on PowerPoint, using the internet to help your child with improving their literacy and numeracy and undertaking a Webquest with your child. Aimed at parents who are not confident with ICT.
Family ICT for KS2 / 3	Using the internet to research topics, improve skills and undertake a Webquest. Learning to use PowerPoint for school projects. Aimed at parents who are not confident with ICT.

Magical Myths and Masks	After this taster session you will be able to create simple masks to use in storytelling.
Time Travellers - Heroes & Heroines	A magical journey for parents and children around storytelling, craft and costume.
Sharing books	This course will help parents hear their child read and includes joint activities around enjoying books together.
Art Attack	A range of courses can be offered under this theme and will be negotiated with the school/children's centre/group etc. Sample activities could include: Turn your song/ story into art. Working with textiles: designing pillow cases, wall hangings and T-shirts Working with different art materials. Creating visual storyboards
Art Attack - creating scenery and backdrops	Involve your parents in the school production. Parents and children working together to produce scenery and backdrops for your school play
Shadow Boxing*	Dads, Lads and Lasses keeping fit together
Happy Hula-Hooping*	This craze has now hit the UK! A fun Family Health & Fitness course
DIY for parents and children*	Learn basic DIY techniques together that you can use at home
Improve your Self-Esteem*	This course focuses on improving communication between parents and children.

- At present only available in the East and North of the County but we hope to be able to offer these in the South and West later in the year.



## Overview of Family Literacy, Language and Numeracy Courses 2007- 2008

	Children's age range covered	Parent/ Carers only or Parent/Carers and Child	Description
<b>Play and language</b>	0-3 years	Parent/Carer and Child	To support parents and carers and their under '5's' with language development, pre-reading, pre-writing skills and positive interaction. To show parents/carers how improving their own skills can help their children. Adult qualification offered (optional)
<b>Early Start: Baby talk 0 - 1year; Small Talk 1-2 years; Talk Together 2-3 years</b>	0-3 years	Parent/Carer and Child	
<b>Playing with Language</b>	3-5 years	Parent/Carer and Child	
<b>Being Healthy / Family Health</b>	All ages	Parent/carer and child	To improve literacy, language and numeracy skills alongside a better understanding of nutrition, healthy lifestyle, physical and mental well-being.
<b>Family Finance</b>	School age	Parent/Carer and Child	To develop literacy, language and numeracy skills and their knowledge and understanding of everyday financial matters.
<b>Family Literacy</b>	3 years +	Parent/Carer and Child	To raise standards of literacy and numeracy for both parents and children, to extend parents' skills in supporting their children's developing literacy and numeracy skills and to provide opportunities for parents to go on to further programmes.
<b>Family Numeracy</b>	3 years +	Parent/Carer and Child	
<b>Combined Family Literacy and /or Numeracy</b>	5 years +	Parent/Carer and Child	
<b>Keeping up with the children</b>	School age	Parent/Carer only	To extend parent's skills in supporting their children's literacy and numeracy by understanding what is in the school curriculum and to provide opportunities for parents to develop their own literacy and numeracy skills. Adult qualification offered (optional)



## Free nationally recognised qualification in English or Maths

You can get a nationally recognised qualification in English and Maths (National Test) by attending our 30 hour courses. This qualification is offered at Level 1 and Level 2. Level 2 is equivalent to a GCSE A\* - C grade. This qualification is recognised by employers and as a stepping stone into further education.

### **Where will I take it?**

You will take this test at the school or children centre where your course is taking place. The English test is for one hour and the Maths for one hour and fifteen minutes.

### **English is not my first language, are there other qualifications I can take?**

If English is not your first language, you can take a national qualification in Speaking and Listening. This qualification is offered at all levels.

We hope you have found this information useful. Please let your school, group or children's centre manager know of any of the courses that you might be interested in and a course can be arranged at a venue near you.

Many thanks