



Supporting home-based learning

Puzzles – work together on simple puzzles, and gradually build to when your child can do independently. We develop great problem-solving skills by doing puzzles.

Playdough – RECIPE – 2 Cups of Flour

2 Cups of Water

1 Cup of Salt

1 teaspoon of bicarbonate soda

You may also wish to add food colouring e.g. red, orange, yellow, green. Pour 1 teaspoon into the mix.

Playdough is great for developing fine motor skills. We can also make buns, cakes, snakes, worms, pizza.....endless possibilities!

Sorting – let your child help with the washing e.g. sorting socks, vests, pants, tops.

Hanging washing – a long piece of cord tied to make a washing line. Give your child pegs to hang socks and small items to their own washing line.

Painting – let your child experiment with different ways to paint handprints, thick and thin brushes, large and small scale painting.

Paint penne pasta (tube style) and thread through string to make a necklace. *If you can source pasta in the current climate.*

Early Writing – continue practice with holding pencil.

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Scissors – develop scissor skills by giving plenty of opportunities to cut and stick e.g. from Tesco, Asda, Argos catalogues. Encourage your child to sort into different categories e.g. things you might need in the summer, things you would see in a bathroom, kitchen.....

It is OK to let your child tear paper!

Spaghetti and cheerios – Make your own abacus. Feed the cheerios on to uncooked spaghetti - this will encourage counting skills

READING – This is very important! Read with your child – talk about the story. Ask questions about the story. Encourage prediction skills e.g. what do you think will happen next? I wonder if...Where do you think...?

Practice putting on and zipping up coats and attempting to put on shoes independently.

Playing **turn-taking games** e.g. snakes and ladders

Talk about **shapes** – around your home look for shapes e.g. windows, doors, plates, t.v., toys, etc. The shapes we learn in nursery are square, circle, triangle, oval, diamond, star, rectangle, heart. You can progress onto 3d shapes like sphere (football), cube (dice).

Talk about **colour**

Encourage your child to **help make breakfast** – scoop out cereal and add milk.

Encourage your child to **help make lunch** e.g. buttering bread, cutting toast in half. Adding ham.

Encourage children to role-play with their toys e.g. action heroes, Barbies, Peppa Pig, dolls house, etc. This will develop their imaginative skills.

Outside: Garden Play

- Football skills – kicking, catching, throwing
- Tennis ball – throwing, catching
- Riding bikes/trikes
- Hopping, skipping, jumping, running, climbing.

Look for bugs, talk about butterflies, bees, trees and leaves – changing seasons – what is different.

Baking – super for Maths opportunities (measure, counting, weighing, estimating, comparing....)

Make pancakes, rice krispie buns, shortbread, decorate biscuits.

Keep screen time to a minimum.

