

Nursery



Below is a list of suggestions of some things you might like to do at home with your child(ren). Most importantly, please enjoy sharing songs, stories and spending time together.

Reading and Rhymes

Most importantly during your child's time off, please read together as often as you can. In books at home you may want to focus on:

- Cover – what can you see on the front cover? What characters can you see? What do you think this story is going to be about?
- You may want to ask your child some questions about the character or what is happening in the story throughout
- Singing traditional nursery rhymes – can your child sing along and do the actions with you?
- Listening game – gather some objects (e.g. instruments) that make a sound. Hide the objects behind your back and shake them one at a time – can they guess what it is?
- Listening in the garden – what sounds can you hear?

Fine Motor/Mark Making

Most importantly, encourage your child to use a range of tools to make marks and to talk about the marks they have made. If your child is happy to, practise encouraging them to write their name by showing them and supporting them in copying/forming it.

Some resources/tools you may wish to use could include:

- Paints and paintbrushes
- Crayons/pens/pencils
- Chalks
- Cotton buds
- Sticks
- Glue and scissors
- Mark making in shaving foam/sand/flour

Other fine-motor activities (to encourage strength in wrists/fingers for mark-making):

- Threading with string and beads/cereal
- Making/rolling playdough
- Making puzzles
- Squeezy bottles in water
- Rolling, throwing, catching with a small ball

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Number/shape

Most importantly, use lots of opportunities to count objects around the house during your daily routine e.g. buttons on a coat, cushions on the sofa, letters in the post, etc!

- Counting to 10. Can you count beyond 10?!
- Counting objects one at a time (careful counting)
- Singing number songs and rhymes e.g. 5 currant buns, 5 little monkeys, 5 speckled frogs, 5 little ducks, 10 green bottles
- Spotting shapes around the house/garden – can you find something that is a triangle shape? A circle? A square? A rectangle?
- Colour hunt – what colours can you find around the house?

Below is a list of other fun, playful experiences you may wish to enjoy together:

- Make playdough
- Bake
- Water play
- Build dens
- Read/tell stories
- Pirate/treasure map making
- Painting
- Puzzles
- Bike ride
- Bug hunting
- Cloud spotting