

Nursery Home Learning project

Maths Activities

Toy Hunt

Hide toys around the house or garden and go on a toy hunt – you could place footprints around the house to give clues as to where they are hidden or you could give verbal cues using positional language e.g. teddy is sitting: on top/underneath/inside/beside/behind the fridge.

Collect all toys together on a tray –

How many have we found altogether? Can you find any more? How many do we have now? Can you sort them into groups by looking at their colour, how they fell (soft/hard)...

Then your child could re-hide them for you, giving you clues using positional language

Big and Small-Whilst playing, can your child order their favourite toys in height order.

Numberblocks

Watch a clip on [CBeebies](#), and have fun recreating the number characters with blocks or objects around your house. Use this guide [here](#) to give you ideas on what to do with your children whilst watching an episode.

Singing

Sing Number songs to practice counting, reciting numbers in order, one more, one less using number songs: Five Little Ducks, Five Little Men, Ten Green Bottles

'Ten in the bed' paste the link into your browser

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-ten-in-the-bed/z7bnmfr>

Literacy Activities

Phonics

Create a phonics tray for the sound of the week (start with the first letter of their names and then names of people in the family)
collect objects that begin with the sound. How many objects do you have?

Play [Phase 1 phonics](#) games

Alphablocks

Watch a clip on [CBeebies](#)

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Letter Formation- Can you trace/write the letters in your name? Do you know the sound that each letter makes?

Read and Rhyme! Read a book with rhyming words in it. Chose any that you already have at home or you could try this link for 'Llama Llama Red Pajama'. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HD1g3P-nKWo>
Favourite books can be repeated. Hearing the patterns of language in a story will support your child's language development. Particularly look out for any rhyming words!

Read with your children daily.

Let them be in charge of which books they would like to read. For online books visit Oxford Owl for free eBooks that link to your child's reading stage if they are ready for this. These books also have audio and so your child can listen to the story being read whilst following along with the words. You can create a free account by clicking on the link below. You can also complete the linked play activities for each book afterwards.

Have a family picnic. Lay out a blanket in the living room or garden. Can children make sure everyone has a plate, fork, spoon, cup? How many do we need all together? Give your child a selection of food and ask them to share it fairly between everyone? If there is one left over what could we do?

https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/please-log-in?open_loginbox=true

Draw a picture of what you did today.

Write down what your child tells you about their picture.

Messy/Sensory Play

Play helps children to develop and improve their gross and fine motor skills, co-ordination and concentration. Here are some (not too messy!) ideas

Use ready made play dough or make your own using this recipe:

- 2 cups of plain flour, one cup of salt, a tablespoon of oil, a cup of water (add gradually), a couple of drops of food colouring (optional), a teaspoon of cream of tartar (optional, but will make it last longer) Add lemon/vanilla /peppermint essence to make it smell nice!
- Make a [sensory bottle](#) add whatever small objects you have available
- Put 2 blobs of paint into a plastic bag so children can mix them together by squeezing the bag (seal the bag carefully before use!) children could then paint with whatever colour they end up with
- Cook some spaghetti, cool, then colour with food colouring (putting the spaghetti in a sealed plastic bag helps!)
- Visit [Learning4kids](#) for more sensory play ideas

Website

On the Nursery page of the website you will be able to see some of the things we have been doing in Nursery.

Look in Archive/Articles 2019/20 for some great activities from Mrs Giacuzzo and Mrs Lewis from last term

There are also stories read by staff that can be found by clicking on the Admissions tab then Nursery Transition

Additional resources

Keep Early Years Unique

online activities or suggestions of things to do that don't require the use of tech

<https://www.keyu.co.uk/new-learning-at-home-together/>

National Geographic Kids

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

Activities and quizzes for younger kids.

Nature Detectives

<https://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/>

A lot of these can be done in a garden, or if you can get to a remote forest location!

EYFSHome

A free, daily set of activities for 3-5 year-olds linked to the English Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) educational programmes

<https://www.eyfshome.com/>