

Fun Family Time

In these uncertain times, it is easy to get caught up in the negative effects it will have. I would like to throw a positive spin on things and look at the quality times we are going to have.



Firstly we will all get a little more quality family time with our little humans, yes it may be full on but it will be a time we look back on with great fondness, once we get in to the swing of things. I am lucky to teach in Nursery and have a Nursery aged child. I would like to share my ideas of how to enjoy the next few weeks at home. We are lucky at this stage of development all learning can take place through fun activities.

In Nursery we have two different age ranges

Nursery 1 – Start Reception September 2021

Nursery 2 – Start Reception September 2020

If you click the link below, you will see what children in Nursery 1 and Nursery 2 are looking to cover through fun and engaging activities whilst in Nursery

Nursery 1 – Looking to secure all areas of 22-36 months

Nursery 2 – Looking to secure all areas of 30-50 months

<https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2012/03/Development-Matters-FINAL-PRINT-AMENDED.pdf>

I would like to share with you some activities you can enjoy whilst the children are off school.

Arts and Crafts



Go Wild – paint, get those fingers nice and strong ready to hold a pencil to start writing.

Baking



Get baking – Talk as you bake, taste different ingredients, can your child help you to weigh the ingredients? Can they tick off stages as your progress through the method?

Fine -Motor Activities to strengthen their fingers



Enjoy colouring, threading, jigsaws and playdough. All these activities get our little ones fingers strong and they are great fun too.

Outdoor Fun



Balancing, Fun in puddles, play hide and seek – can they count to 10 then come and find you? Weave in and out of obstacles negotiating space, throw stones, collect stones, can they count how many they have? Arrange by size? Race, play tag, enjoy a piggy back ride.

Imaginative Play



Creative an imaginative world, the one above is Dinosaur Land

Enjoy a book



Enjoy books, can your child look at the pictures and tell you the story? Can they listen to a story and then tell you key events that happened? Can they recognise the characters? Can they act out the story? What happened at the beginning? Middle? End?

Make Music



Get those pots and pans out and enjoy some time to make music, make shakers using pasta and dried food, make a band!

The next few weeks is a time to enjoy some family time. Children at Nursery age need lots of practise of taking turns. Enjoying turn taking games can support them with this.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/activities> - Change for Life Physical Activities

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-songs-index/zhwdgwx> - Endless Rhyme time fun

Below are a few songs we enjoy in Nursery

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0VLxWIHRD4E> – Our number song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AnoNb2OMQ6s> – Our shape song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gUbdNbu6ak> – Wake up shake up

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03zqJQJRLN0> – Wake up shake up

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PCewI3xgQXw> – Wake up shake up

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kcQJDpj5TSY> – wake up shake up

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=niJOjKaeCtY> – Number of the week 8

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9qiegF2kF0> – Number 6

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=anYJvL9kZoU> – Representing numbers

We are currently recapping our knowledge of numbers 1-8 – enjoy counting out sweets, fruits, pebbles etc. Can they collect 8 objects from the house? Can they collect 5?

<https://www.redtedart.com/30-salt-dough-crafts-kids/> - salt dough crafts

Please take this time to enjoy some important family time, chat, Dance, Den build, cuddle and enjoy a film together. Precious times ahead! Learning does not only take place at school, it is discrete, fun and can take place anywhere. Most importantly talk to your child, follow their lead in play!



