

Home Learning Challenges

As well as the phonics and maths challenges, you can choose any of the “Pick and Mix Learning Activities” on the next page that you and your child would like to try over the next few days. The activities will help your child develop skills across all the curriculum areas of learning experience but most of all we hope you have fun together! You could also read stories, sing songs and do arts and crafts or cooking activities, and spend some time doing puzzles and jigsaws. Spending time listening to and speaking to your child is invaluable to their learning – try not to let them go on the tablet or watch TV too much if you can!

Send us photos in a ClassDojo message which we can then share on the group with the rest of the class.

Any questions, just drop us a line via ClassDojo messaging.

Pick and Mix Learning Activities

<p>Create positive messages for your window</p> <p>Talk about the different windows you have seen on your walks. Have you seen rainbows, bears or anything that made you smile?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Talk about the people who might pass your windows, walkers, delivery workers, neighbours, etc. What things might make them smile?o Make a positive poster together, using bright colours and a happy message.	<p>Follow a Busy Feet exercise activity: Click here for video</p>	<p>Some animals live in cold places around the world.</p> <p>Draw a picture of an animal that lives in a cold place. Ask your grown up to use the internet to find a fact about the animal.</p>	<p>Add a teaspoon of washing up liquid to some water. What happens? Does the washing up liquid disappear when you mix it? Explore using different kitchen utensils: ladles, whisks, spatulas.</p>
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<p>Ask your grown up to help make simple recipes by counting amounts. E.g. Can you put two spoons of cocoa into a bowl?</p>	<p>Share your favourite book together.</p>	<p>Can you sing a different nursery rhyme a day? You can find lots on YouTube.</p>	<p>Sort coins, buttons or any small objects into a cake baking tray. How could you sort them? Can you make a pattern with the objects? You could make it harder by picking up the objects with a tweezers. You could use natural or irregular objects to sort.</p>
<p>Design a scarf. You could draw it, paint it or even use materials to make a collage.</p>	<p>Shape Peekaboo</p> <p>Ask your grown up to cut out different shapes from card. You could include a circle, square, rectangle and hexagon. Put them in a bag. Peep one shape at a time out of the bag. Can you guess the shape?</p>	<p>Investigating- The Puff Test</p> <p>Share the story of The Three Little Pigs, telling it from memory or playing:</p> <p>http://player.hamiltontrust.org.uk/story_telling_display.php?cid=225</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Talk about what sort of things can be easily moved/are hard to move by the wind o Explain that we can test some things to see how easily they can be moved by blowing. o Collect a range of objects together and predict which ones will be moved by a puff and which will not. What clues can we use to help us predict? o Test these together using a pump or by blowing through a straw and put into the correct tray. 	<p>Work on your Wellcomm targets if you have any. Or learn a new word and use it everyday! E.g. ask your grown up to tell you what these words mean and try to use them in a sentence: Wonderful, cheerful and immense</p>
<p>Continue to practise saying how you are feeling in Welsh.. Dw i'n hapus / dw i'n drist / dw i'n dost / dw i'n grac Here is a link to a Welsh song to help you: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rfq0ACrqMBI</p>	<p>On Winter mornings the ground often looks white with frost. Ask a grown up to help you investigate the frost and find out where it comes from.</p>	<p>The next time it rains, go out puddle jumping with a grown up. Put on your wellies and jump in the puddles. What words can you think of to describe the puddles?</p>	<p>Put your favourite music on and dance around the living room. Can you make up a dance routine?</p>

<p>Cutting and Sticking from magazines Practise using a scissors and cut out things from a magazine. Can you cut them out in shapes? Using your imagination create an abstract pattern or picture.</p>	<p>We are all different – Talk about how you are different to other children and people un your family. Think about hair colour, eye colour or it could be likes or dislikes. We are all different and unique. Draw a picture of yourself. You could ask your grown up to help you write some words to describe yourself.</p>		
<p>Role play a cafe Set up a pretend café. What will you order? Who will pretend to be the customer? You could draw food or use any objects you have at home. Can you write a list of what the customer wants?</p>	<p>Can you find 10 objects at home to count? Focus on counting reliably. If 10 is a little tricky, find 5 objects to count.</p>	<p>Try a Cosmic Yoga Session. There are lots to choose from, here is the link: https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga</p>	<p>Write a letter or card Spend some time talking with your grown up about who you can write a card or letter to. Your adult can write the words for you and you can mark make.</p>
<p>Have fun singing along and learning with the Numberblocks song: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wbhl1vOwI2Yo</p>	<p>Collect some natural items on a walk with your grown up. Create a picture together by arranging the items- this can be inside or outside, on the ground or on paper. You could rearrange it as many times as you like to make a new design.</p>	<p>Help to match pairs of socks, gloves or mittens together.</p>	<p>Make and use a story box Choose your favourite book. share and enjoy the story with your grown up. Colect or make props you can use to retell the story.</p>
<p>Choose a character from your favourite book and talk about them. Can you talk about what they look like, what they like doing? Can you pretend to have a conversation with the character.</p>		<p>Body Percussion Try making different sounds with your body; clap your hands, stamp your feet, pat your knees, click your fingers. Now try making a repeating pattern with your body percussion.</p>	<p>Make a number track 1-10 or 1-20 using chalk outdoors. Jump on each number saying it aloud going forward. Have fun jumping forward and back and saying the numbers.</p>
<p>Find a place in your home where you can make shadows. This might be your bedroom or living room, or you could set up a torch or a phone to shine light at a wall. See if you can make shapes and different animals with your hands. Can you make a spider with eight legs? What other ideas can you</p>	<p>Walk the length of a room in your house. How many strides is the room length? How many steps is it? Can you say and write the number?</p>	<p>Talk to your grown up about the year ahead. What are your dreams and wishes? Think about school, family and friends. It could be to go on a family bike ride. Draw a picture of</p>	<p>Go on a number hunt around the house. Can you say or write down all the numbers you find.</p>

think of.		what you would like to do in 2021.	
<p>Draw a picture of something you would like to make. Ask your grown up to help you write the different parts to label your design. Could you try making it at home?</p>	<p>Listening and exploring sounds – I Spy Play the traditional game 'I Spy'. Remember to use the letter sound not the letter name.</p>	<p>Play a rhyming game. Say a string of words which rhyme. e.g cat, sat, mat. Can you spot a pattern? Try taking turns with your grown up and adding words to make a rhyming string. Here is a great link to a story a with lots of rhyming words. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2da5yu6rpdg</p>	<p>Talk about healthy foods and not so healthy foods. Can you sort some foods into categories? Here is a delicious recipe to make a fruit smoothie: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KwBR_D6isHw</p>
<p>Can you build a bridge strong enough to hold a toy? You could do this on a small scale with LEGO or you could use chairs and blankets from your home.</p>	<p>Read your favourite story together. Look at the pages and talk about what happens. You could set up a calm and cosy place to share the book.</p>	<p>Fine Motor Skills- Making a colander hedgehog Collect any materials you can place through holes in a colander. This could be pipe cleaners, twigs lor spaghetti. Use your imagination to make a hedgehog. Can you think of anything else you can make?</p>	