

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 few pages that you and your child would like to try. 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!

Pick and Mix Learning Activities

- Choose a few activities from these 5 pages each day. Repeat any you like! –

The Canal and River Trust also has some lovely free activities to do with children of all ages whilst you are at home together. Lots of them are suitable for Early Years – have a look and pick any you like the look of: [Arts and Crafts and Play Ideas](#)

<p><i>Play a board game with your family, practising taking turns and following the rules</i></p>	<p>Follow a 5 a day sports fitness activity: <u>Click here for video</u></p>	<p>Find out about the lifecycle of a caterpillar/butterfly by watching and learning this lovely song: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOlbSEOCmNM</u></p>	 <p>Measuring with a stick</p> <p>Use it to find things that are longer, shorter and the same</p>
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<p><i>Can you read these numbers?</i></p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p> <p><i>Challenge - can you find the correct number of items to match each number?</i></p>	<p><i>Listen to a story read to you every day. Ask and answer questions about the story.</i></p>	<p>Can you sing a different nursery rhyme a day?</p>	<p>Do some mark making. Can you make big zig zags, swirls, lines, dots and circles? Try some messy mark making using shaving cream or flour in a tray (see video).</p>
<p>Can you paint or draw a rainbow?</p> <p>Remember to use these 7 colours: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo (dark bluey-purple) and violet (purple)</p>	<p>Daily Schedule Think of 3 things you do every day. Can you put them in order and say which you do first, which comes after that and which is last?</p> <p><i>Eg first I get up, after that I go to school, the last thing I do is go to bed.</i></p>		<p>Work on your Wellcomm targets if you have any. Or listen to a nursery rhyme and see if you can hear which words rhyme.</p>
<p>Tell someone how you are feeling today. Can you say it in Welsh too? Dw i'n hapus / dw i'n drist / dw i'n dost / dw i'n grac</p>		<p>Make an animal from a toilet roll tube</p> <p>Look at pictures in a book and choose an animal to make.</p> <p>Gather together: cardboard tube, paint/crayons same colour as animal, coloured paper, glue</p> <p>Paint/colour in toilet roll tube.</p> <p>Draw/cut out shapes for eyes, ears, legs, beak etc and glue on when dry.</p> <p>Take photo and send to your teacher!</p>	

<p>Can you make up a dance to show how you are feeling?</p> <p>How do you dance when you are happy?</p> <p>How do you dance when you are excited? Worried? Angry? Sad?</p>	<p>Teddy Bears Picnic</p> <p>Can you set up a picnic for your toys?</p> <p>Gather together a blanket, cushions, plates and cups.</p> <p>Put a toy next to each place setting.</p> <p>Ask each toy what they'd like to eat and serve them their favourite (pretend) food</p> <p>Talk about your favourite food.</p>	<p>Water Challenge</p> <p>Gather together different sized containers and a large bowl of water</p> <p>Fill one container and pour into another</p> <p>Repeat and observe what happens when you use different sizes.</p> <p>Can you pour water from a big container into a small one?</p> <p>Can you fill a big container up using a little one? How many times do you need to fill the little container?</p>	
<p>What is the weather like today?</p> <p><i>Sut mae'r tywydd heddiw?</i></p> <p>It is cold <i>Mae hi'n oer</i></p> <p>It is sunny <i>Mae hi'n heulog</i></p> <p>It is snowing <i>Mae hi'n bwrw eira</i></p> <p>It is raining <i>Mae hi'n bwrw glaw</i></p> <p><u>Click here to hear Mrs Rudge telling you about the weather in Welsh</u></p>	<p>Can you make a symmetrical picture?</p> <p><i>Fold a piece of paper in half</i></p> <p><i>Paint a pattern on one side of the paper only.</i></p> <p><i>Close the other half over and press down firmly</i></p> <p><i>Open up to reveal your symmetrical picture!</i></p> <p><i>Explain: symmetrical means both sides are the same!</i></p>	<p>Make an obstacle course in the garden or your living room.</p> <p>Ask your adult to time how long it takes you to complete the course.</p>	<p>Play teddy talk musical bumps</p> <p>Play some music and when it stops call out an instruction using Teddy Talk (see last week's phonics activities)</p> <p>Children carry out the instruction then rush back and sit down asap.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <p>Get your c - oa - t (coat)</p> <p>Find a sp - oo - n (spoon)</p> <p>Get a t - oy (toy)</p> <p>Jump up and d - ow - n (down)</p> <p>Touch your t - oe - s (toes)</p>

Walking Water

You will need:

- 6 Small glasses
- Paper towel
- Food colouring



What to do:

- Half fill each glass with water and line up side by side
- Add a few drops of food colouring to each
- Tear paper towels into strips and place on side of each glass with some of the paper in the coloured water

Watch and marvel at how the colour moves up through the paper! What happens next?

Halving

Find 4 things the same in your house? (e.g. 4 books, 4 pieces of lego, 4 blocks, 4 pegs etc)

Split them in HALF by putting them into 2 equal sized piles.

What is half of 4? Count how many are in each pile to find out! (2)

Can you split the 2 items in half too? What is half of 2? (1)

Take a photo

Take 3 photos of your favourite things in your house, tell me why you've chosen them

Follow a 5 a day jubilee fitness activity:

[Click here for video](#)

Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

In your garden or on your walk, can you find:

- A leaf
- 2 stones
- 3 flowers
- Something green
- Something hard
- Something smooth
- Something wet
- Something rough

Number 8 Physical Challenge

- Do 8 star jumps
- Touch your toes 8 times
- Run on the spot for 8 seconds
- Windmill your arms 8 times

A pirate finds 7 pieces of treasure

Some pieces are silver, some pieces are gold. Can you draw the treasure?

How many silver have you drawn? How many gold?

Are there 7 pieces altogether?

Can you count them?

 <p>Mask</p> <p>Can you make a mask? Decorate it with the things you have at home</p>	<p>Sweetie Challenge Evan has 4 sweets and 5 toys. He wants to give each toy a sweetie.</p> <p>How many more sweets does he need so that everyone has 1 each?</p> <p>Mums and dads - you could set this activity up with 5 toys and a bowl of 4 real sweets or 4 raisins, 4 grapes etc.</p>	 <p>Rock people</p> <p>Find a rock, give it a face and a name</p>	<p>Watch this lovely film about recycling: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q53kNmxTgPW</p> <p><u>Can you answer these questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can we recycle glass bottles? - Can we recycle plastic milk containers? - Can we recycle newspapers? - Can we recycle empty coke cans? - Can we recycle old food? <p>(Answer: yes to all!)</p>
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<p>Practise writing the first letter of your name – use paint, chalk, or a tray of flour/shaving foam to mark out your name using your finger (see video).</p>	 <p>5 ENGINEERING CHALLENGES (Clothespins, Clips, and Craft Sticks)</p> <p>These are quite a challenge; maybe you could work together to make a simpler structure, using the idea of lollysticks and clothes pegs shown above to make a box or a tower</p>	<p>Transport</p> <p>Which ways of travelling can you think of? Make a travel collage by cutting pictures of each one out of a magazine/ or drawing them.</p> <p>Ask mums/grans/grandpas to tell you how they travelled when they were young; Is it the same as now?</p>	 <p>Make a foil boat</p> <p>How many pennies can it hold before capsizing?</p>
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Please send in photos in a ClassDojo message or ask any questions about the activities.

**(Message Mrs Timmins Mon – Weds 8.30-3.30
Message Mrs Rudge Thurs – Fri 8.30-3.30)**