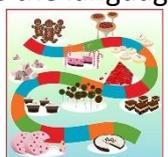
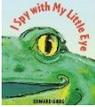


Dear Parents,

In the event that the nursery school is directed to close, by the government, to protect the spread of covid-19 the staff have developed a plan of activities that can, easily be done at home.

If you can take photos of these and print off it would be great to have this evidence in their learning journals.

<p>Singing with your children</p> 	<p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-songs-index/zhwdgwx The bbc online radio has a range of songs for young children</p>
<p>Listening and moving to music</p>	<p>Play lots of different kinds of music. How does it make you feel? How does it make you move?</p> 
<p>Cake Baking & Helping to cook</p>	<p>Measuring the ingredients Time information – Now we are ... Next we will</p> 
<p>Chores</p> 	<p>Make a game out of dusting and washing the dishes. There is lots of benefit for children using big arm movements for dusting and water play when washing up.</p>
<p>Junk modelling</p>	<p>Use your recycling rubbish to make models.</p> 
<p>Potion Making</p> 	<p>For those who can get out into a garden get the children making fairy and wizard potions using leaves, mud, grass and all sorts of other things they can find</p>
<p>Mud Pies</p>	<p>Nothing better for children than earth and water. Lots of mixing, which is good for prewriting skills.</p> 
<p>Kitchen Band</p> 	<p>Let your child find the saucepans and spoons and make their own band. Does a wooden spoon make a different sound to a metal spoon?</p>
<p>Reading</p> 	<p>Children love to share a book. Read to them, ask them to tell you the story, talk with them about the pictures.</p>
<p>Board games</p>	<p>Play games, it is important to get them to take turns. Use the language first your turn, now my turn.</p> 

<p>I spy</p> 	<p>Play I spy but use the sound at the beginning of the work. I spy with my little eye something beginning with sssss. Could be a sock, scissors</p>
<p>Make playdough</p>	<p>See the recipe below</p> 
<p>Paint</p> 	<p>See recipe below if you want to make your own paint, or use mud and water to paint outside</p>
<p>Messy play ideas</p>	<p>See recipes below – use a bowl or a food storage container to make and play with it</p>
<p>Role Play</p> 	<p>Let your child choose out of a range of clothes that they would not normally wear, they may like to become Mummy or Daddy wearing your clothes.</p>
<p>Hide and Seek</p>	<p>Play hide and seek games with a toy. If it is well hidden use the words hot and cold to tell your child if they are near or not. They will get hotter the nearer they are, if they are a long way away they will be freezing.</p>
<p>Make a story book</p> 	<p>Take a few pieces of paper and fold them in a book. You and your child can draw some pictures. Get your child to tell you the story and you can write their ideas down.</p>
<p>Water play</p>	<p>Washing up Washing toys Hosing down the garden</p> 
<p>Planting seeds and watching them grow</p>	<p>Use seeds out of fruit that you are eating. If you haven't got pots for the seeds use old yoghurt pots or egg cartons.</p> 
<p>Toilet Training</p> 	<p>Use this opportunity to support your child out of nappies. You can find tips at the following website https://www.eric.org.uk/pages/category/potty-training</p>
<p>Reduce dummies and bottles</p>	<p>Take the time to get your child drinking from a cup. Put a small amount of water/ milk/ juice in the bottom of the cup so if it spills it is not a big amount.</p> <p>Dummies can cause speech problems and so it should only be used in small amounts. If your child still needs it to sleep put it away, out of reach. Remember when you get it out for a sleep time to praise your child because they have managed without it. If they are at this stage try to only give it to them for their sleep at night, see if they can self sooth for the afternoon nap if they have one.</p>
<p>Detective Games</p> 	<p>Show them 3 objects. Hide 1 so they have to be the detective and work out which one is missing. You could see what a detective looks like using the internet, can you find anything in your house so you can dress up as a detective to play the game.</p>

Websites

Remember our children should only be online for about 10 mins at a time.

hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk	There are lots of ideas for activities on this website from birth to 5 age group
bbc.co.uk/cbeebies	Lots of the cbeebies games and programmes are designed to be educational for your children. Screen time should be limited though.

Recipes

Playdough

Best Ever No-Cook Play Dough Recipe

1. 2 cups flour
2. 2 tablespoons vegetable oil (baby oil works too)
3. 1/2 cup salt.
4. 1 to 1.5 cups boiling water (adding in increments until it feels just right)
5. Food colouring or paint to change the colour

Edible Finger Paints

Ingredients

1. 1/2 cup flour
2. 1 cup water
3. 1/4 tsp salt
4. food colouring
5. cold water for thinning

Instructions

1. Combine flour, salt, and 1 cup water in sauce pan.
2. Heat flour/water while whisking. The mixture will be clumpy, then smooth, then thicken into a paste.
3. Once it has become thick and pasty, remove from heat.
4. Whisk in cold water a few tablespoons at a time until desired consistency is reached.
5. Colour with food colouring or water colours.
6. Allow to cool completely, then paint!

Messy play – there are many different things that are good to develop children’s literacy and Mathematical skills to play with.

- Flour
- Cornflour mixed with water
- Dry rice
- Pasta
- Cereal – this is especially good if your child does not eat well as they can may then start to feel the texture in their hands and try putting it in their mouth
- Shaving foam
- Cloud Dough – mix flour and oil

This of things you can discuss with your child...

How does it feel?

I like it because...

I don’t like it because...

What does it remind you of?

Can you pour it?