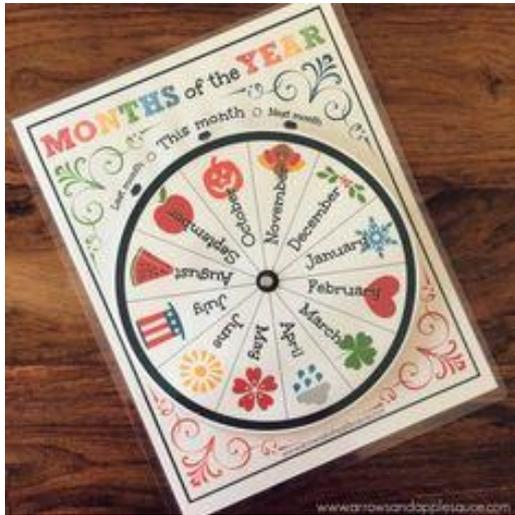




## Months of the Year



Linking a month to a symbol which has meaning for your child will help them learn and remember the months. They can learn the names of the months and practise saying them in order.

Your child could draw pictures for each month, for example a love-heart for February; a beach for July or a Christmas tree for December - whatever your family link to that particular month. If it's their birthday month, they could draw a picture of a cake.



You could help your child by writing the name of the month on their picture and they could copy the letters. Talk about the pictures and which months they represent. When your child has drawn all the pictures for each month, ask your child what month the love-heart picture is and so on. You can then display the 12 pictures in month order, so your child has a visual representation of the months.

Do you have a calendar in your home? Have a look through the different pictures for each month and talk about the different months. You could also look at the months in a diary.

**A fun way to learn the months of the year is through singing and dancing. The repetition and pictures in this video will help them to remember the months in order. Why not dress up Country and Western style and join in the **Months of the Year line dance** with Jack Hartmann? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cMxN9dRqGRE>**

## What are the children learning?

*I am aware of how routines and events in my world link with times and seasons, and have explored ways to record and display these using clocks, calendars and other methods.*  
**MNU 0-10a**

Inspired by a range of stimuli, I can express and communicate my ideas, thoughts and feelings through activities within art and design. **EXA 0-05a / EXA 1-05a / EXA 2-05a**

Respond to various media to interpret and express thoughts and feelings in a creative way

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