

#### Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you and all your families are all well. We would like to share some more useful websites and fun ideas for you to try at home. I hope that this will continue to help keep your children active over this time of uncertainty. Do not be worried about covering the curriculum during this time of closure as much of what we do is from real life experiences, learning through play within your home. Enjoy the Easter holidays! We are here to help. So first:



#### Now for some Fun Activities:

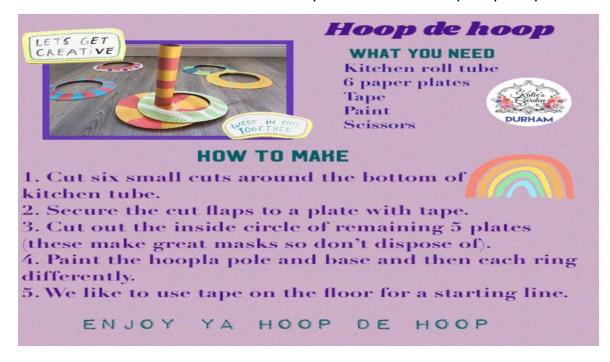
#### Make Your Own Paint!



#### Lock Down Memory Picture



Why not get your children to design their handprint with various arts and crafts to create this wonderful frame. You may even want to add your pet's print.



#### It is Time for Your Children to Explore the World around Them

## 30 Days of Photography

1. Stripes 16. Handwriting

2. Clouds 17. Thankful

3. Water 18. Black and White

4. Flower 19. Small

5. Yellow 20. Symmetry

6. Patterns 21. Movement

7. Shadow 22. Smiles 8. Morning 23. Breakfast

9. Love 24. Springtime

10. Animal 25. Purple

11. Happiness 26. Books

12. Letterbox 27. Silly

13. Nature 28. Reflections

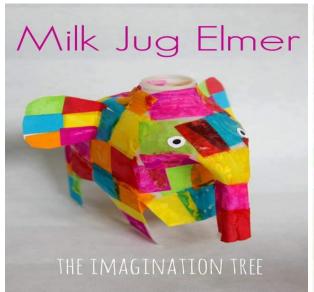
14. Lunch15. Comfort29. Food30. Home

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Children could take photos and experiment with the camera/phone/iPad/tablet. Perhaps draw/design/make their favourite photo of the day using things they may have collected along the way.



### Let us get Creative.

















# Starcatchers' #WeeInspirationsHave some fun, save your sanity STORY MAPS



## THE BASIC IDEA

Go for a walk and draw a rough map of where you went. Chat it through as you draw "We passed the school, then where did we go?"

#### OVER TO YOU, WEE ONE

Follow their instructions and/or let them take over the drawing as you chat

**Top tip:** It's not about being accurate, it's about sharing the experience

- Draw a map as you share a story "what did they pass next on the bear hunt?"
- Make a treasure map together and let your wee one lead you round the house on an adventure

## **CHEEKY BONUSES**

- Literacy skills
- vocabulary
- Spatial awareness
- Gives you some fresh air and exercise

#### AND REMEMBER...

Start the map like it's the most fascinating thing to YOU and wee ones are more likely to want to join in. It doesn't matter if it's a scribbly mess, it's all communication.



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The Wiggles: Social Distancing



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This is a great song to support children's understanding of social isolation.

<u>Let's get active</u>: Sticky Kidz. This is a great activity that supports physical fitness and listening and attention skills. As children really enjoy taking part in this at nursery I thought it would be nice to share. Here is a link - just choose the songs with your child/ren and enjoy.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4u3fUr5gb7MrMLzj6J2UA

## Indoor Scavenger Hunt

IN A BAG OR BASKET. CHECK THE BOXES
AS YOU FIND EACH ONE.

- A TOY WITH WHEELS
- A BOOK WITH THE FIRST LETTER OF
- YOUR NAME IN THE TITLE
- A PAIR OF MATCHING SOCKS
  - 4 THINGS THAT ARE GREEN
    - SOMETHING VERY SOFT
  - A TOY SMALLER THAN YOUR HAND
    - SOMETHING ROUND
    - A BOOK WITH NUMBERS IN IT
  - 5 LEGOS THAT ARE ALL DIFFERENT
    - A PHOTO OF SOMEONE YOU LOVE
  - AN ITEM YOU CAN SEE YOURSELF IN
  - AN ITEM THAT MAKES YOU FEEL COZY
  - A TOY THAT HAS 3 DIFFERNT COLORS
  - A MOVIE THAT HAS "S" IN THE TITLE
  - YOUR SNUGGLIEST STUFFED ANIMAL

Ready for snack? Make sure everything gets put back where it belongs!

## INVENTOR SCAVENGER HUNT

- Find something that you can turn.
- Find something that is bumpy.
- Find something that is metal.
- Find something you put together.
- Find 3 things that are round.
- · Find something you twist.
- Find something shiny.
- Find something you can roll.
- Find a tube.
- Find 3 things that are squishy.
- Find something clear.
- Find something that can bounce.



A fun activity for all the family. You can also involve your family by getting them to draw pictures of the objects found within the home. Children/adults can then take turns in hiding them around the house. The person hiding them has to give clues to where they may be. To extend the activity why don't you go a nice walk locally? What can you see/hear?



#### Maths @ Home

#### **Time**

- What day is it yesterday, today, tomorrow?
- Use timers, phones and clocks to measure short periods of time.
- Count down 10/20 seconds to get to the table into bed etc.
- Recognising numbers on the clock. If you cover a number, what number is missing?

#### Games

- Putting cards into piles
- Jigsaws (you can make your own by cutting up a magazine picture)
- Snap (matching pairs) or Happy Families (collect 4 of a kind)



- Snakes and ladders or other simple dice games.
- Adding numbers on two dice.
- Bingo, with numbers or shapes
- Hopscotch

# it's not "just play"

Play is an essential part of early learning. It is the lifeblood of the learning process.

As children play they are developing the cognitive, socio-emotional and physical skills they will need to take them into a successful adulthood.

They are developing their curiosity, problem solving, intentionality, flexibility, and verbal & non verbal skills.

Socio-emotionally they are developing their emotional intelligence - learning confidence, cooperation, negotiation, sharing, empathy and how to communicate appropriately.

Physically their fine motor and gross motor skills are being practised and developed.

It's not "just play" they are skills for life!

MHC Early Childhood Solutions

Houses and Homes. Activities and Games.

https://www.twinkl.co.uk

https://fun-a-day.com/activities-for-preschoolers-at-home/

If there is anything else you need support with, please feel free to contact us.

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Remember we are here to help. Please stay safe and take care. Sending love from all at Loudoun.

