

#### 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. Can I just remind parents that we would love to see photos etc of children during this time and feedback about our YouTube channel please? All photos and videos can be emailed to <a href="mailto:gw10mccallumtracey2@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk">gw10mccallumtracey2@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk</a>. 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. Not all activities will suit the needs of every child therefore; they can be adapted to suit. Please remember we are here to help. So firstly:

#### Let us Keep Fit:



KALeisure: Which Facebook Live sessions have you been enjoying the most?

We offer a range of sessions from yoga and relaxation to high energy HIIT with a variety in-between!

Below is your timetable for the week ahead - let's make this an active week! #StayHomeStayActive #ElevateTheEveryday

Please make sure you're ready to exercise and check out our Health Commitment Statement at <a href="https://bit.ly/2V5tEXdPeeple">https://bit.ly/2V5tEXdPeeple</a>

Is you child not sleeping well since the Lockdown?

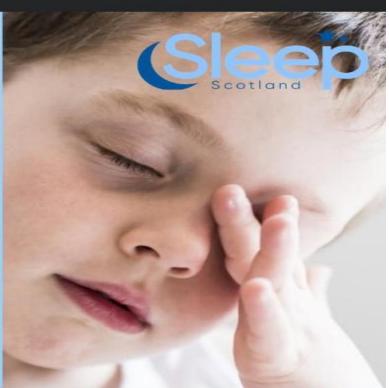
We can give you advice and support.

If you are a parent or carer living in Scotland, email our Sleep Support Line and we will call you back

sleepsupport@sleepscotland.org

Sleep Scotland works across the UK to address sleep issues in children and young people and to support their parents and carers and other professionals.

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≒□ It's hard to over-state the positive impact that parents and carers have on their young children's learning, just by making the most of day-to-day activities.

₩ What do we mean by 'making the most'? Well, basically it's trying to remind yourself about the opportunities in what you're already doing - such as those below at bath time - and focusing on one or two of them (and definitely NOT feeling you have to do everything all the time!). It's often things we already do - but maybe instead of just thinking "Aww, she's splashing the bubbles", we say it out loud, so she hears and learns the words, or feels more encouraged to grab the bubbles, strengthening her fingers. ★ #FamiliesCount



#### Bath time? Anytime!



Playing in and with water is a fun learning experience for children of all ages. Playing with your little one during bath time is a great opportunity for quality time together to chat and have fun.

If your little one is unsettled or feeling easily upset, a calming bath time can be a wonderful, soothing distraction.

Often families have bath time as part of a routine at the beginning or end of the day, but if a 3pm bath helps to settle or break up a difficult day - so be it!



Bath time will help your child develop gross motor skills - using larger muscles, as they kick and splash - as well as fine motor skills for dexterity, as they try to grasp bubbles, or squeeze a sponge. Small toys such as cups and spoons offer opportunities for pouring and mixing fun!

Little ones love music, and singing songs at bath time helps develop language skills. A great time for practising nursery rhymes or thinking of water-themed songs: 5 Little Ducks, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 5 Little Speckled Frogs.

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Find more things to do at home:

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#### Exploring the world outdoors:

### Plant a Sunflower

Plant 3 or 4 sunflower seeds and see which one grows first or tallest.



For more challenge you can encourage the child to keep a Sunflower growing diary. Younger children could draw pictures of the growth.

#### At home with Mrs H

Science Saturday has come around again and today's activity is about growing a sunflower. Dig deeper into the science by planting 3 separate seeds and measure how factors of environment affect growth. Give the first seed everything it needs; warmth, light and water. Second seed, don't give any water and the third seed, put in a dark cupboard, so it gets no light. Investigate over the next few weeks and talk about you find. Enjoy! <a href="#">#earlylearning #outdoorfun #outdoorlearning #nature</a> #learningathome #learningthroughplay #makinglearningfun #KS1learning #becreative #eyfs #problemsolving #science #STEM #seeds #sunflowers #planting #understandingoftheworld



## Size Ordering

Children enjoy ordering objects in size, whether that's largest to smallest or smallest to largest. In this activity it's important to develop mathematical language and to encourage children to use the correct words.



Key words to use: small, smallest, smaller, bigger, big, biggest, long, longer, longest, tall, taller, tallest etc.

#### At home with Mrs H

This activity is a about developing children's vocabulary and being able to recognise differences in their surroundings. Using the correct words to describe the size of objects can be a challenge for small children, so try to develop and use it whenever you can. #maths #shapeandmeasure #learningathome #learningthroughplay #eyfs #becreative #KS1learning #earlymaths #earlylearning #sizeordering #vocabulary

Water Xylophone

Carefully measure different amounts of water into your jars. Add food colouring at this point if you wish. Use your spoons to tap the side of each jar, creating different sounds.





The science.... sound waves can travel through water. The amount of water in each jar determines the sound that is made. The glass with the least amount of water has a high pitched sound. Most amount of water, lower pitched sound. Have fun!

#### At home with Mrs H

A nice activity which can be done indoors and outdoors. Although initially a science idea, I found I was able to use it in other areas of learning. Obviously there is a music link, where children can be encouraged to listen for the sounds and to potentially make a little tune. But you can also use it as a maths resource for discussing capacity, developing vocabulary by using empty, half full, full etc. Top tip use normal size jam jars if you have them or glass bottles, as the sound is better. #maths #shapeandmeasure #learningathome #learningthroughplay #makinglearningfun #KS1learning #eyfs #becreative #capacity #music #science #STEM #sound #outdoorfun #outdoorlearning

## Pasta Necklace

You will need:

- \* Penne Pasta
- \* White Vinegar
- \* Food Colouring
- \* String or Ribbon.





Instead of food colouring you could paint the pasta or colour with pens. Have fun!



To colour the pasta, decide how many colours you want in your necklace and separate into individual freezer bags. Amount of pasta depends on how many necklaces you want to make or length. Put a splash of the Vinegar into each bag along with the food colouring, close the bag and work it into pasta. Tip out the pasta onto some kitchen roll and leave to dry.

When dry, thread the pasta onto string or ribbon and there you have a necklace.

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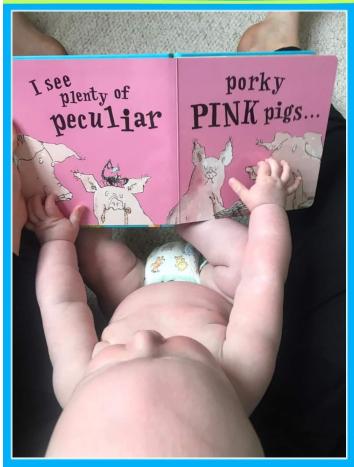
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Nice activity to share. Be creative!

#creative #learningathome #craft #eyfs #threading #childrenathome

Story time:

## Little things make a big difference to children's learning



# Sharing books together

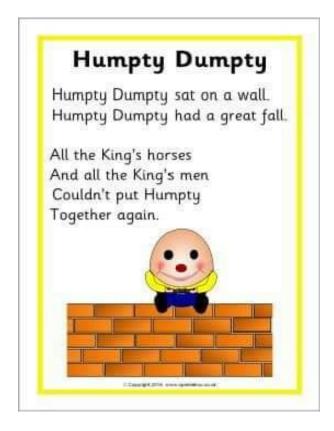
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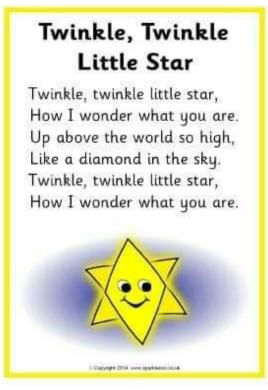
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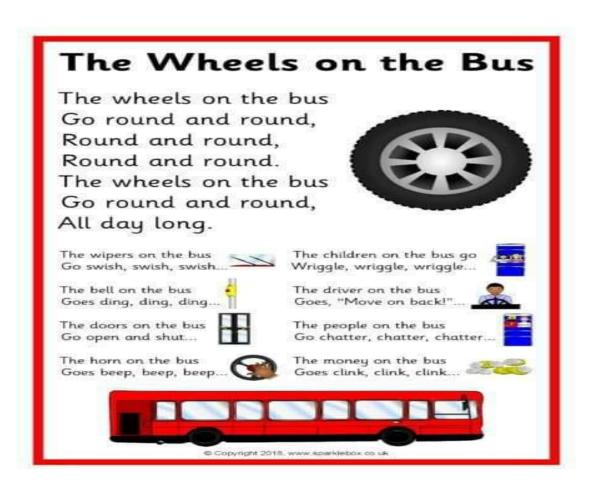
A lovely video to explain social distancing to children . Hedgehog and Tortoise want to give each other a great big hug, but they're not allowed to touch. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/113162570107145/posts/242866403803427/?vh=e">https://www.facebook.com/113162570107145/posts/242866403803427/?vh=e</a> &d=n While We Can't Hug <a href="https://youtu.be/2PnnFrPaRgY">https://youtu.be/2PnnFrPaRgY</a>

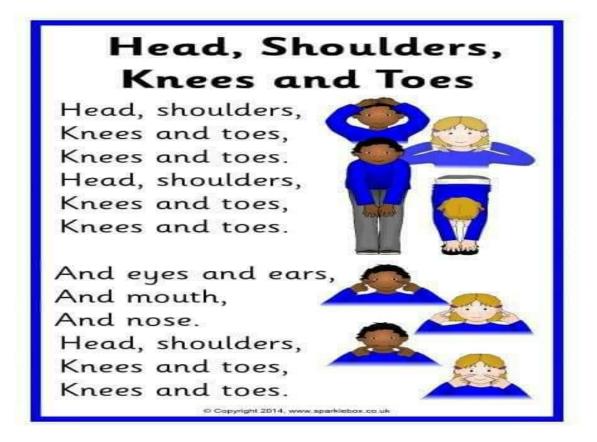
#### Singing and Rhyming Time: Rhyming at home can have many benefits such as:

- . It assists in children's social skills.
- . A familiar voice singing to children can have a calming effect on a child.
- . It develops skills to communicate properly.
- . Will enhance vocabulary.
- . Promotes quality interactions.
- . They learn to play with words.
- . A child who knows four nursery rhymes by the time they are four will naturally be a better reader at eight years old.
- . Hearing different sounds assists children to learn how sounds combine and blend together to form a word.
- . Children learn about different beats and rhythms.
- . Promotes eye-contact and assists in non-verbal communication.
- . Studies have shown that children who hear rhyme and enjoy rhyme tend to speak more easily.
- . Most importantly it gives children a love of language and helps them become confident learners.



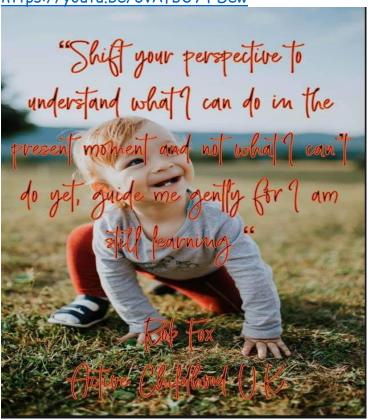






#### 10+ Fun Indoor Games and Activities for Pre Schoolers

https://youtu.be/3vAfbUY FDew



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.