

Suggested activities for nursery children 3

Use chalk to write letter, numbers or shapes on a fence. Give your child a jug of water and a paint brush and encourage your child to wash off a certain number, letter or shape.	Independent dressing: lay your child's clothes out for them with numbers on them so they can follow the sequence and increase independence while dressing. It is particularly important for children starting school this year as they will need to get ready for playtime and gym.	Printing with toys: Give your child a variety of plastic toys (e.g. lego, cars etc) and paint in a shallow container. Encourage your child to print using the toys.	Give your child a jug of water and a paint brush and allow them to paint/wash things around the garden. They will have great fun mark making and it won't leave a mess.	Encourage your child to draw pictures of themselves. They would normally do this at least once a month at group time. Using a felt tip pen will give better results. Give your child a mirror and talk about the features they should include e.g. fingers, eyelashes, eyebrows, ears etc.
Cut out basic shapes from paper (circles, squares, triangles, stars etc) and encourage your child to rearrange the shapes to make pictures. They can also do this by making pictures using things they find outdoors (leaves, twigs etc).	Encourage perseverance and problem solving by helping your child complete jigsaws. If your child is a master of the jigsaws you have at home, make some simple ones by cutting up pictures or boxes from your recycle bin. Cutting images into stripes from top to bottom will create easier puzzles to increase confidence.	Make a water wall using recycled milk cartons, plastic bottles, pipes, tubes etc. Cut the bottom off the bottles and attach them to a fence using tape or cable ties, angle the bottle tops into the open end of the other bottle to act as a funnel. Give your child a bucket of water and a jug and they will have lots of fun watching the water flow from one bottle to another. (You will see many examples of water walls online if you search for kids water wall).		Help your child write their name (children going to school in August): Write or print your child's name with a highlighter and encourage your child to trace their name to help them learn to write their name. It is important that your child only uses a capital letter for the first letter and small letters for the other letters.
Help your child to make a bug hotel using items they have found on a walk (twigs, rocks, pine cones etc). Either simply pile the found items up in a safe place in the garden or use some of the items from your recycle bin to create a larger box with smaller compartments and fill each area with different things the children have collected. Check the bug hotel regularly to see if you have any visitors and help your child identify the bugs.	Attach a strip of wrapping paper or wall paper, blank side out to the garden fence using pegs or tape and allow your child to paint on a larger scale.	Give your child a basin with water and encourage them to wash their toys (dolls, cars etc), they could also wash dishes and small items of clothes then hang them up.	Help your child recognise their name (children in their first year of nursery): Write or print your child's name and put name labels on their bedroom door and above a coat hook so they become more familiar with seeing their name.	

You can also revisit the activities from last weeks suggestions.