

Suggested activities for nursery children 5.

<p><u>Colours of nature</u></p> <p>While out for a walk or exploring the garden encourage your child to find the colours of nature. Divide a piece of paper into 8 and label the sections with colour words using coloured pens (green, yellow, brown, red, yellow, pink, purple, orange). Encourage your child to find leaves/flowers etc, pick small leaves or petals and glue it onto the correct section.</p>	<p><u>Numbers all around us</u></p> <p>Encourage your child to notice and use numbers as they explore their environment. Going for a work on bin day is a good day to do this as most wheelie bins have numbers on them, you can also look out for door numbers and car registrations. At home encourage your children to watch out for numbers on clocks, the tv, remote controls, phones, food labels etc.</p>	<p><u>Sun catcher</u></p> <p>Help your child make a sun catcher, explain that a sun catcher reflects the sunlight and is very shinny. Collect shinny things (sweetie wrappers, sequence, tin foil etc). Attach string to an old CD to hang the sun catcher. Cut and stick the shinny things onto the CD and attach string to the bottom to attach things that will blow in the wind (feathers, ribbon etc). Hang the suncatcher in the garden or at the window.</p>	<p><u>Bake cakes</u></p> <p>Bake cakes with your child, both baking from scratch and using a box cake mix are very educational. If the cake mix has pictures on the back this would be reading for information skills, if not reading the instructions allowed is very good for listening skills and following instructions. Baking also draws your child's attention to numbers/counting and other mathematical concepts like quantity and time. There is also a scientific element to baking as a liquid becomes a solid using heat.</p>
<p><u>New skills</u></p> <p>Learn a new skill that takes lots of practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *ride a bike *skipping ropes *ride a scooter * use a hula hoop * throw and catch a ball * throw and catch a frisbee * play skittles * play basketball/football 	<p><u>Shape of the day</u></p> <p>Choose a shape of the day. Talk about how many sides and corners it has with your child. Have fun trying to create the shape (either on drawing/painting or with chalk outside on the ground). Go on a shape hunt around the house and garden looking for the shape of the day and keep an eye out for it on tv etc. Your child will have fun trying to make the shape using their fingers too.</p>	<p><u>Rhyme of the week</u></p> <p>Choose a rhyme of the week, your child should know many rhymes already from the nursery and there are a variety of nursery rhymes on the blog. Sing the rhyme every day and do actions etc. You will also find many versions of nursery rhymes on youtube. Draw your child's attention to 'words that sound the same', rhyming words (Jill/hill, wall/fall etc) this is a great pre-reading skill. You could also play a game of trying to come up with lists of words that sound the same: cat, bat, mat</p>	<p><u>Exploring number</u></p> <p>Encourage your child to have fun and play with numbers; investigating and experimenting with quantity, through comparing and contrasting a variety of objects using mathematical language such as less than, more than, same as. Give your child a selection of toys (lego, cars etc) and sort them by colour, size etc and talk about the which has more/less, the same to help them explore the concept of number. Putting the objects in rows will help your child see more/less easier.</p>

