



Marvellous Monday! 11/5/20

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Nursery team hope that you and your children are safe and well. Here are some ideas and suggestions for a great day with your child. Choose your favourite 3 or do more and if you can, take some photos to share.

What's my name? (suggested time 10-15 minutes max)



- Follow this recipe to make some playdough with your adult. (<https://stayathomeeducator.com/absolutely-perfect-no-cook-scented-play-dough-recipe-without-cream-tartar/>)
- Once you have made the playdough, get an adult to write out your name in big letters!
- Use the playdough to roll, squish and make the letters of your name.
- Have fun practising the letters in your name!
- Which letter is the tallest? Which is the smallest letter?

Wake and Shake! (Suggested time 10 minutes max)

- Play follow the leader
- You don't need any equipment to play.
- Let children take turns being the leader, directing the others to match their every move.
- Get active by hopping, skipping, crawling, shuffling and using their imaginations.
- Swap leaders to copy someone else.



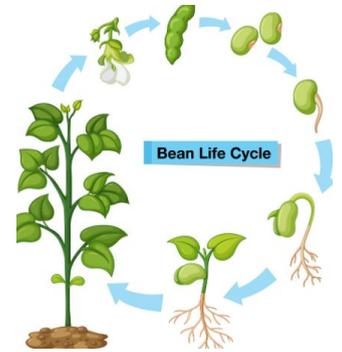
Tea Party! (Suggested time 10 minutes max)

- Using the playdough you made earlier, why not make some treats and have tea!
- You could make biscuits, cakes, use water to make some tea.
- Choose your favourite teddies and have a tea party with them.
- You could even play your favourite music and have a dance too
- What did you enjoy about your party? Did the teddies enjoy their party? What did you make?



Literacy/Maths (Suggested time 15 minutes)

- Watch the 'Life cycle of a bean seed' again - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pg92csPLY0I>
- Once you have watched the video, can you tell an adult what happened to the bean seed? Did it change? How did it change? What did the leaves look like?
- This is how a bean grows. What other plants do you know that might grow like that?



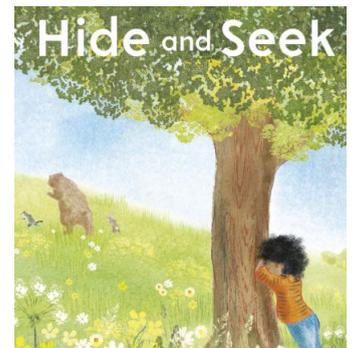
Snack/Lunch (15 minutes)



- Let your child choose what they would like to eat and make for lunch.
- Together research a recipe to use to make that food they would like.
- Encourage them to look at the parts of the recipe.
- What can you see? What ingredients do we need?
- Can you find me...? Can you spot any numbers on the recipe?

Playtime

- Play hide and seek with your parents or siblings.
- You can let them go and hide and then count to 10!
- They have up until you count to 10 to hide.
- Where could they be hiding? Can you find them? How long did it take you?
- Then it would be your turn to hide! Where would you hide?



Topic Activity- Leaf Printing! (15 minutes)



- Collect some leaves from your garden or on your walk.
 - Describe the shape and size of the leaves. Where do leaves come from?
 - What colour are they? How did they end up on the floor?
 - How many leaves did you collect? With the leaves you do some leaf printing.
 - Get a piece of paper, add some print, or mixture of mud and water to the leaf to start printing some leaf prints! What do you notice about your printing?
- You could use the leaf printing to design a tree or beanstalk again. Have fun printing!



Storytime



- Ask your child to pick a story to read.
- Once you have read the story, go back to the beginning of the book.
- Play a game of 'I Spy' and on each page say 'I spy with my little eye something beginning...'.
 - Say a sound and let your child find the item you are referring to.
 - Did you find the item that your adult told you the sound to?



Apps you Might Like to Explore with Your Child



CBeebies Storytime is filled with free interactive story books and bedtime stories for young children and is a great way to enjoy reading with your little one. The library is always growing, with amazing stories featuring all the CBeebies' favourites.

CBeebies Playtime Island contains a wide range of fun and educational games to help children understand the world around them and support the development of core skills. Children can play along with all of CBeebies' most popular characters.



Lingumi provides a course focused on spoken and communicative English. The app provides sets of learning games, speech recognition games and video-based games to help the child grow their grammar and get them speaking their first words.

Kaligo is a digital handwriting exercise book designed to teach children how to write using a stylus and tablet, built on an AI machine learning platform. A self-paced approach enables children to progress at their own speed according to their own ability, whilst AI Machine learning provides real-time corrective feedback.



Fonetti is a Listening Bookshop™ that provides young children with a patient, comforting listening ear to help in the learning-to-read journey, but also with the added benefit of tracking progress, identifying reading challenges, and highlighting to their adult carers where the most support is needed.

[Phonics websites that you can access](#)

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/#https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>