



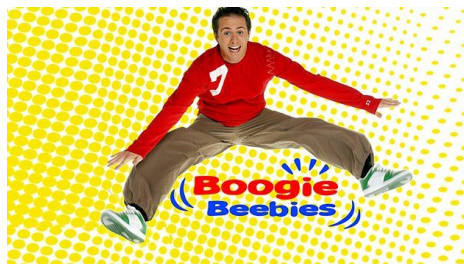
Thoughtful Thursday! 14/5/20

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.

Threading things! (suggested time 10-15 minutes max)

- Practise threading objects onto string.
- Use what you have such as penne pasta, cut up straws, cereal with holes, beads.
- Thread objects onto string, ribbon, pipe cleaners, straws, spaghetti etc.
- Encourage your child to put on one object at a time and use their index finger and thumb to help them thread it on.



Wake and Shake! (Suggested time 10 minutes max)

- [CBeebies - Boogie Beebies - Clips](#)
- Click on the website and have a dance around the house.
- What different dance moves can you do?
- Which one is your favourite?

Voice Sound Effects! (Suggested time 10 minutes max)

- Encourage your child to use their voice to try making sound effects.
- Try sounding like a ticking clock or a doorbell!
- Listen to the sounds you hear around your house/outside.
- What sounds can you hear?
- Can your child try to copy those sounds with their voice?



Literacy/Maths (Suggested time 15 minutes)

- Sing some number Nursery Rhymes.



- Suggestions for songs: 5 little monkeys jumping on the bed, 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive, 5 little ducks,
- What number did you count to in the song?
- Can you count using your fingers?
- Encourage your child to draw a picture of the song they liked and count the objects.

Snack/Lunch (15 minutes)

- Decorate some biscuits
- Cover a biscuit with icing, chocolate, peanut butter etc
- Decorate with sweets, cereals, fruit- whatever you have available in your house
- What can you put on the biscuit?
- Try making a face, a letter, an animal, or monster etc
- Enjoy eating the biscuit when finished!



Playtime

- Freeze some small objects/figures/toys in ice.
- You could use one large bowl or small ice cube trays.
- When frozen, put the ice into a tray for your child to explore.
- Provide them with tools to break the ice such as cutlery, sticks, toy hammer, droppers with water etc
- Let them explore the ice and try removing the objects from the ice.

Topic Activity (15 minutes)

- Make some puppets
- Use what you have in your house such as spoons, old socks, cardboard, sticks, or print some pictures to put onto sticks.
- Encourage your child to make any character they like such as a character from their favourite story, a monster, a dinosaur, a princess.
- Ask your child to describe what their puppet looks like. How many eyes does it have, what colour is it? What does it sound like?



Storytime

- Read your child their favourite story.
- Ask your child to help retell the story.
- Use the puppets you made for the topic activity to help retell the story.
- Use the puppet to act out different voices and actions from the story.
- What stories can they retell?

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

