



Fantastic Friday! 26/6/20

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.

Number pegs (suggested time 10-15 minutes max)

- Write some numbers onto large cut out circles of cardboard. From 1-5 or even 1-10.
- To support counting you could also draw the matching number of dots for each number.
- Give your child some pegs and ask them to count the correct number of pegs to match the number and to put them onto the cardboard number.
- Can you count the correct number of pegs?
- How many pegs should we put on number 4? What number comes after 4?



Wake and Shake! (Suggested time 10 minutes max)



Barnyard Boogie

This clip is from <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01yzyvd>

- Visit the CBeebies website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01yzyvd> and follow the video 'Barnyard Boogie.'
- Can you copy the actions for animals or things you may see on a farm?
- What animals are there on the farm?
- Can you use all your body? What do the animals do?
- What was your favourite move?

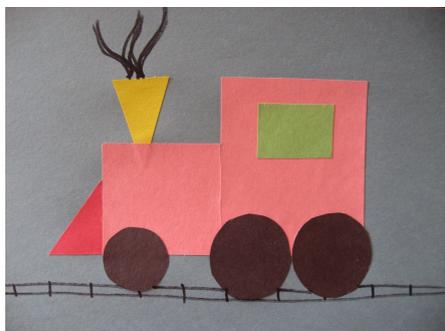
Let's make music! (Suggested time 10 minutes max)

- Find a selection of objects around the house that could be used as instruments.
- This could be pots and pans, buckets, wooden spoons, containers or bottles filled with pasta or rice or empty boxes.
- Allow your child to explore making music with the homemade instruments.
- Let them help to fill the bottles or decorate the boxes.
- What sounds can you make? Can you sing some songs to the music you make?
- Which object makes the best instrument?





Maths (Suggested time 15 minutes)



- Cut out a selection of 2D shapes from paper or cardboard - square, triangle, circle and rectangle.
- Look at the train from the story or pictures online.
- Support your child to help them arrange the shapes to make a picture of a train. Ask them to name the different shapes used.
- What shape should you use for the wheels? What shape could a train carriage be?
- When your child has made a train using the shapes, stick them down onto the paper to keep.
- You could also try making other pictures using the shapes. What

other pictures can you make?

Snack/Lunch (15 minutes)

- Let's make a sheep using fruit!
- You will need bananas, green and red/black grapes.
- Support your child to cut the banana into circles and the grapes in half.
- Help them to arrange fruit to make a sheep as in the picture provided here.
- Banana is the wool, dark grapes for the face and feet and green grapes for the grass.
- You could decorate the face with eyes using small pieces of banana or cheese spread.
- Enjoy!!



Playtime

- Let's explore some music online at Busy Things!
- Visit the website <https://www.busythings.co.uk/play/#>
- Log on, select Early Years then Nursery.
- In the 'Expressive Arts & Design' section then 'Music'
- Explore and select some activities and have fun making different types of music!
- What sounds did you make? What made those sounds?

Topic Activity (15 minutes)

- In the story 'The Train Ride,' we see some pictures of different animals.
- We see a mother horse 'a mare' and a baby horse, 'a foal'
- Can you see these in the story?
- There are other animals in the story; a cow, sheep and geese.
- Can you find out the names of a baby cow, a baby sheep and a baby goose?
- What are they called? What do they look like? Do they look the same as the mother? Have you seen any of these animals in real life before?





Storytime

- Choose a bedtime story about animals.
- Read the story and talk about the different animals that were in the story with your child and encourage them to describe what they see.
- What animal/s were in the story? What are they called? What do they look like?
- What sound does the animal make? Where does the animal live? What did the animal do in the story.
- Compare books and see if you have any with animals that are the same.

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>