



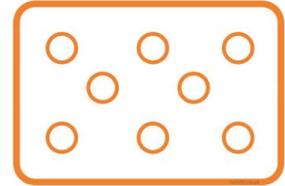
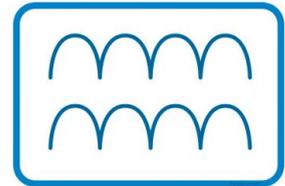
Thoughtful Thursday 18/6/20

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.

Patterns and mark making (suggested time 10-15 minutes max)

- Can a piece of paper and pens/colours etc to practise making different marks.
- You could do straight lines, zig zag lines, dots etc.
- Encourage your child to focus on looking at the paper whilst making marks and can they describe the pattern they make.
- On the side there are some patterns you can copy.



Wake and Shake! (Suggested time 10 minutes max)



- Play musical statues.
- You can dress for the event to make fun!
- Let your child choose their favourite songs.
- Get active dancing to your favourite music. Can you do a twirl? Can you dance with someone? Can you use your hands? shake your legs? feet?
- Then an adult will press stop to the music. Are you standing still? Who is moving? Can you keep your balance?

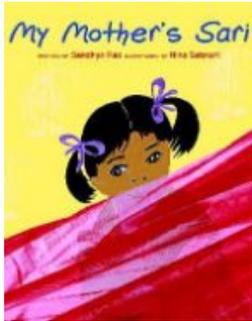
Colour sorting! (Suggested time 10 minutes max)

- Go around your house and pick a variety of objects such as a candle, keys, cup.
- Then layout all the objects on the floor. How many objects do you have? Count them.
- Can you sort them by colour? Put all the red items together, or the green together etc.
- What colour items do you have most of? Is there any other way you could sort them out?
- Encourage your children to name the colours and talk about size or other features.





Maths (Suggested time 15 minutes)



- We have been learning a story called 'My Mother's Sari.'
 - In this story, the story focuses on saris.
 - Today, let's focus on patterns. All fabric and clothes come in different colours and patterns.
 - <https://www.busythings.co.uk/schools/early-years>
In the Nursery section, click on 'Mathematics'.
- Then find the next click on the mathematical patterns and choose 'line up'.



- Adults, if you encourage your children to look at the colour and describe the patterns. Eg - red, green, red.

Snack/Lunch (15 minutes)



- Choose 3 of your favourite fruits.
- With an adult's help/supervision, can you cut the fruit up into small bits?
- Then you will create a fruit kebab by putting the fruit pieces on a skewer stick!
- Can you make a repeating pattern? Eg - pear, apple, grape, then pear apple, grape again.
- Can you tell an adult how you made the fruit kebab?



Playtime

- Building towers/houses.
- If you have blocks, lego in your house to make houses/towers.
- Can your child describe what they have made?
- Encourage your child to count the amount of bricks or boxes you have used.
- How many have you used?
- Also ask them to try making a tower that is shorter and or taller than another tower!



Topic Activity (15 minutes)



- Yesterday you looked at some facts about where you are from
- Can you remember them? What do you remember?
- With an adult, can you design your country flag!
- What colours do you know?
- Are there any shapes etc on your flags or pattern?
- Then take a photo with your flag!



Storytime



- Using your cardboard model theatre and puppets, can you retell another story to an audience!
- You could get family members to be in your audience, they could make some popcorn so it is like a real theatre experience!
- Encourage your child for their efforts and say what part you enjoyed.

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>