



## Terrific Tuesday! 23/6/20

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.

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

- Write or support your child to write their name on a piece of paper, make the letters as big as you can.
- Can you name the letters in your name? What letter is in your name first?
- Gather some stones or leaves from outside and use them to trace around the letters. Which letters are straight and tall, which have some curls and bends in them?



### Wake and Shake! (Suggested time 10 minutes max)



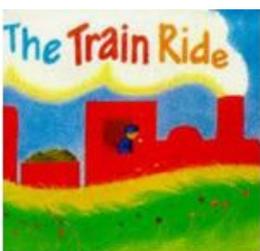
- Play follow the leader
- You don't need any equipment to play.
- Let children take turns being the leader, directing the others to match their every move.
- Why not dazzle it up with some music?
- Get active by hopping, skipping, crawling, shuffling and using their imaginations.
- Swap leaders to copy someone else. Can you copy their moves?

### What's the sound (Suggested time 15 minutes)



- Play the 'Sound Starter' game on -
- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/1>
- You need to click on a sound button, put on your listening ears and have a listen to the unknown sounds!
- What can you hear? What does it sound like?
- Have you heard it before?
- Encourage your child to think about where and what the sound could be. Make suggestions eg. It could be an elephant.

### Maths - Counting (Suggested time 15 minutes)



- We are looking at a new story called 'The Train Ride.'
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jHbE8kaBDKU>
- Go through the story and can you count the animals you see?
- How many stops does she pass? How many pages are in the book?
- Encourage your child to count showing 1 for 1 item to avoid miss counting. Can you count how many steps on your stairs?
- What else can you count? How about pushing yourself and guessing how many of something there might be and then checking to see if you were right? Eg- 'I think there are 5 apples in the basket.'



## Snack/Lunch (15 minutes)

- Try making a milkshake with your child.
- Explore the different types of fruits you can use.
- What fruits do you have in your house you can use?
- How will you make it?
- What will you use to make it?
- What ingredients will you use?
- How did it taste?
- What colour was it?



## Playtime (15 minutes)



- Get some train track pieces or if you do not have train track toys then you can get some paper and cover the table.
- Once you have covered the table then you can draw on the train tracks.
- Put some small vehicles toys or if you don't have those then you can make vehicles from your recycling. Use your imagination!
- Have fun making some toys around a train/town setting.
- Encourage your child to talk about what they are doing with the toys.
- What is your story about? What will happen? Can you retell the 'Train Ride' story with your family using the toys?
- You can add bits to your plays and adults if you encourage your child to name the items to develop vocabulary. Eg - using leaves as trees and telling them the names of both resources.

## Topic Activity! (15 minutes)

- In the 'Train Ride' story, the girl is visiting her Grandparents.
- You can draw a picture/paint a picture of your Grandparents that you can share over a zoom call/whats app call etc.
- You might draw/paint what you look like! It has been a while and just so they remember.
- What colours do you need? Encourage your child to name the colours and talk about the use of the colours. Eg. 'I used black for my hair.'



## Storytime



- This week our story is about trains.
- 'Thomas the Tank Engine' are books/stories about Thomas' train adventure.
- You can read/listen to one of his adventures on the train site!
- [https://www.youtube.com/results?sp=mAEB&search\\_query=thomas+the+tank+engine+](https://www.youtube.com/results?sp=mAEB&search_query=thomas+the+tank+engine+)
- The link above you can select some videos of his adventures!
- What is Thomas like? Is he silly? What did he do on his adventure?



## 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>