

Home Learning Ideas

Phonics

- Chalk jump: write digraphs in chalk outside. Chn to jump to digraphs calling out the sound in different voices. Vary by adult calling the sound and chn finding it.
- Magnetic letters: choose a digraph- how many words can you make with that digraph in? Challenge- heck which spelling of the digraph the word has e.g. ai, ay, a-e
- Using a squirty bottle and water, choose a sound and write big words/ sounds on the pavement outside, or even in the bath in bubbles!
- Bingo: choose 6 items from around the house (could have the same sound in). On a piece of paper create a 4 square bingo grid. Write the name of 4 objects, drawing sound buttons too. Bingo caller chooses items to 'call'.
- Magnetic letters: how many digraphs can they make from the letters available? Which alternative spellings can they make?

English

- Silly sentences: chn to choose an animal/ object in house, make up and write a silly sentence or question about it. E.g dog: Can dogs ride a bicycle to the park?
- Play adjective eye spy: choose an object in sight. Describe the object- '...something that is red, something that is tall, something that is smooth'
- My home shop: Pretend your house is a shop- can you label the items in a room of your house (with post-it notes for example) for people to buy. Challenge- can you add prices to your items in pounds of pence with a pound of pence sign?
- Read a story and retell it: choose how you want to retell it using the main parts e.g. act it out, write it, draw pictures, use toys to retell it. Can your family guess the story.
- Vote for a story: each morning choose 2 story books (you could choose one and a sibling could too!). Get everyone in your house to vote for the story that they would like to hear that day, count up the votes at the end of the day!
- Word spotter: before you share a story, write some words they will hear in the story. Get them to 'spot' them every time they hear a word on their list.
- Letter formation: using mud, sand, rice, shaving foam, paints or bubbles in a bath practice letter formation of lower case and capital letters.
- Instructions: make something e.g. food, a lego model, a craft. Then write a set of instructions for somebody else in your house to see if they can make the same!
- Fact file: write a fact file for something you know lots about! E.g. dinosaurs, an animal, lego, cars/vehicles, books, space, your favourite toy. Think about what it is made of, where it lives and what it eats (if it is alive), different varieties of it, how to use it, fun facts about it or what you like the best about it.

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Maths

- Chalk jump: write 2 digit numbers in chalk outside. Chn to jump to numbers calling out the number in different voices. Vary by adult calling the number and chn finding it. Challenge- how many tens/ ones? E.g 56 is 5 tens and 6 ones.
- Number cards: using the number cards, make up your own game! E.g turn them over, choose 2- who can find the greatest number? Who can make number bonds to 10? Add them together, who has the most/least? Make a number bingo game.
- Counting in 2s: how many object in your house are in pairs? Count in 2s how many of each object you can find! E.g how many shoes? Socks? Feet in your house? Set of knives and forks?
- Playdoh: Use cutter to make and cut out shapes. Can you cut them into halves and/or quarters? Challenge- with an adult can you do this with food too? Can you share amounts into halves or quarters using 'one for me, one for you'?
- Guess my number: choose a number. Give clues for someone to guess your number e.g. it has 3 tens and 2 ones, it is more than 40 but less than 45, it is 5 less than 20, it is 20 more than 40, it is double 6.
- Coin game: you will need a dice and about 20 10p coins (you could make and cut these out if needed). Roll the dice and take that number of coins. Count how much money it is, 10p, 20p, 30p etc. The first to get to £1/100p wins!
- Date: Do they know what the date is today? What day is it? What is the date? What is the month and year? Chn have been introduced to the short date so can use this to support them. Prompt with – If yesterday was Tuesday, what day is it today? Etc.
- Shape hunt: what shapes can they spot around the house? (choose 2D or 3D – note: 2D is only an image of a shape on a surface. I you can hold it it is 3D). Have a shape of the day- how many can they spot in the day?
- Cupboard maths: take 2 items from a food cupboard. Hold one in each hand, which is lighter/ heavier? Check by reading the weight. If guessed correctly, keep the lighter one. Then try and find 2 more items that are lighter still, can they find the lightest item- if suitable perhaps they could eat it!
- Nrich website problem solving – there are a vast range of fun, problem solving activities and games ideas on here. Search for games or nrich activities and choose the area of maths that you would like to focus on. Some might give you a challenge as well as your child!

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Science

- Plants: which plants/ vegetables/ fruit/ trees can you find in your house or garden? Can you name any? Can you find out the names if you're not sure? Can you draw the picture of one and label the different parts?
- Growing: If you have any seeds and compost, carry out a planting experiment like our cress experiment. Plant the seeds- what do they need to grow/survive? Can you create a weekly plant diary drawing what your plant looks like, and observing any changes.
- Make a model/picture of a plant/flower: you could use crafts, playdoh, lego, natural materials from the garden.
- Materials: go on a material hunt around your house and garden. Would materials can you find? Can you sort them by their properties? E.g hard, shiny

We use lots of educational songs at school which the children enjoy, to consolidate learning we have already covered, to practice mental maths skills and have brain and movement breaks, such as: BBC super movers, Jack Hartman songs (youtube), tricky word songs, seasons songs, doubling, halving, number bonds to 10, 2D/3D shapes song.

Make the most of this time with your family! Read, talk, bake, explore, share and play – it is all learning. Try and take some time to do things that you may often not usually have the time to do.

Interactive phonics resources

- Oxford Owl – Set1, Set 2 and Set 3
- Youtube: little learners – help with pronunciation of digraphs and trigraphs, understanding of phonics terminology and Jolly phonics actions.
- Youtube Mr Thorne/ Geraldine the Giraffe phonics videos
- Youtube Hammond Education phonics games
- Alpha blocks videos
- Phonics play
- Ict games – phonics
- Phonics bloom
- Alien phonics
- Topmarks phonics games
- Monster phonics games
- Vimeo Jolly phonics song

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- Youtube tricky words song

Please note: not all games are accessible on an ipad/tablet/mobile. This is dependent on whether they are flash based games and if they device supports this or not.

Interactive reading resources

- Roy the zebra: reading and punctuation games
- Booktrust online stories
- Oxford owl ebooks- this has a vast range of online sharing story books, read aloud stories and book banded books that the children can decode. These can be searched by the old reading colour bands, the updated phonics bands, or by series if there is a particular set of books that your child enjoys.

Interactive maths resources

- Nrich maths. Lots of games and problem solving, some interactive online.
- Purple mash games/ maths activities
- Number blocks videos
- Number jacks videos
- Topmarks maths games (numbers to 20/50, shape, measure, simple money)
- ICT maths games