**Suggested activities for Nursery**

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| **Numbers**  Make a number slice puzzle. Ask your child to cut out a picture they like. Draw straight lines down the length of the picture to make 10 separate strips. Number these 1-10. Ask your child to cut along the straight lines (help if they need it) then mix up the strips. Can your child put the numbers in the right order to re-make the picture. You can make this trickier by cutting up to 20 strips, or numbering them backwards 10-1. | **Shapes**  Draw a circle, square, triangle and rectangle outside. Can your child name them? Collect some leaves, flowers, sticks, or toys with your child and empty them onto the floor. Ask your child to sweep them into the different shapes (the children love helping to brush up!) You can add challenges such as sweep 20 leaves into the circle, sweep 5 dandelions into the square. If you can’t do this outside, draw shapes onto paper inside. | **Measure**  Pour water into different sized containers. Can you guess which will hold the most, or least? |
| **Reading**  Letter/ name recognition. Write your child’s name onto a piece of paper (or they can do this themselves). Ask your child to follow the lines of their name using buttons, daisies, stickers, lego bricks, anything you can find. If they are very familiar with their name, try new words, eg mummy, daddy, dog, cat | **Writing**  Make some homemade paint brushes using sticks or lolly sticks. Tie leaves, grass, flowers, feathers, cotton wool, material, ribbon etc to the sticks and use these to paint pictures. Look at the different marks the brushes make. If you don’t have paint, just use water outside. | **Speech sounds**  Blowing bubbles helps to form ‘popping’ sounds (speech sounds made using the lips): p (the quiet sound) and b (the loud sound). |
| **Fine motor skills**  Help build the muscles in your hands by finding things to squeeze, For example, small and large sponges in a bucket of water; spray bottles to squirt at targets on the outside wall; turkey baster to make a trail on the path | **Creativity**  Make some chalk paint by mixing a cup of cornflour with half cup of water. Stir in some ready mixed paint or food colouring. Pour into a spray bottle and give it a good shake. Can you draw a rainbow? | **Health and well-being**  Help to make dinner or set the table. Follow the healthy hand washing rules |
| **Physical activity**  Play a game of ‘magic beans’  Baked bean: make your body as small as possible  Jumping bean: jump high  Runner bean: run on the spot  String bean: stand tall, stretch high  Jelly bean: wobble and shake  French bean: kick up your legs in the can-can | **Family time**  Play a board game together, eg snakes and ladders. If you don’t have one, make your own ☺ | **Top tips**  Remember these are just ideas to help support your child’s learning at home. Staying safe and having fun are the 2 main things to focus on. |