

St Paul's Nursery

Welcome to the May 2020 Newsletter



Play,
Learn and Grow...
Together!

Dear Parents,

At this difficult and uncertain time during the Coronavirus outbreak we thought you might like some more ideas to occupy your child whilst they are at home from Nursery.

These are some of the activities we thought might be useful to support children's learning and development.

Rainbow Spaghetti & Pasta



Cook the spaghetti carefully in the normal way.

Drain spaghetti and place in a bowl.

Add a few drops of vinegar or oil and some food colouring.

Mix together and enjoy exploring.

Explore picking up with fingers & arranging.

Try using different cutlery, tweezers or chop sticks.

Can you make pictures with the spaghetti?

Cut and sort and use language for size and shape as you play & arrange the spaghetti.

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STORY TIME

Make up a story together!

Start with a cloth, sheet, blanket or throw - what could it be?

Is it the sea as you sail away in your cushion or cardboard box boat?

Is it the snow beneath your feet? How does it feel, what can you do?

Is it a tent where you camp under the stars?

Or have you got a mat that when you sit on it and blink your eyes it takes you away to magical places? Where do you go? Use your imagination, where would you like it to take you and why?

Talk about your ideas & make them into a story e.g, 'One day Rebecca had a cloth, but it was no ordinary cloth, it took her to imaginary places....'

You could draw pictures of your play and make

Making Puppets and a Puppet Theatre

Find some odd socks, old spoons or make some finger puppets with paper and card.

Make them into your favourite characters.

Use a cardboard box or a clothes airer and cloths to make a puppet theatre.

Have fun making up stories for your puppets to play.

Don't forget to use different voices for the character!

Gather together some saucepans, plastic bottles, wooden and metal spoons.

Practise making some sounds to introduce your puppet show.

Don't forget to make a poster to advertise your puppet show and set out chairs or cushions for the audience!



<p><u>Talking to children about the virus:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save the Children - 7 tips for talking to your child about coronavirus . • NHS hand washing song • Coronavirus a book for children 	<p><u>Communication and language:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hungry Little Minds - A range of apps based around communication and language • Small Talk
<p><u>Physical development:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Change 4 Life • CBeebies I Can Cook 	<p><u>Literacy:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Literacy Trust suggestions for apps - To support literacy, search by age, stage, literacy aspect and platform on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They also have a guide for parents regarding using apps with children • CBeebies Alphablocks • Oxford Owl eBooks
<p><u>Mathematics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBeebies Numberblocks • Learning4kids 	<p><u>Learning outdoors:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature Detectives • Naturally Learning - 50 outdoor activities for toddlers • RSPB - Fun and learning • Creative Start Learning - Early years outdoors • Woodland Trust - Things to do • CBeebies - 7 tips for gardening with children • Home Learning Packs - Plants
<p><u>General home learning ideas:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxford Owl - Fun activities to do at home • National Trust - 50 things to do before you're 11- activity list • PACEY Facebook page for home learning/ • PACEY - Home learning environment • Activities Passports from the DFE 	<p><u>Nursery Facebook and other useful groups/pages:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery Facebook Page • Bordesley Green Community Forum • Bordesley Green History • Bordesley Green History Group