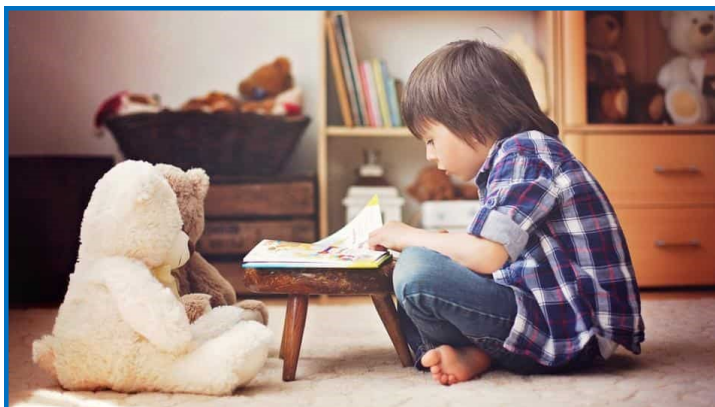


Home Learning Ideas

Fishing for numbers

Ball pit balls and a pudding tray are ideal for this fishing game. Write numerals on the balls and dots in each section of the tray. See if you can match the numeral to the amount of dots.



Reading your favourite book

I know how many of you love to listen to stories at nursery, have you got a favourite at home? Why not pretend to be the teacher and read to your favourite cuddly toy.

Can you recite the storyline or describe the main characters see how many wonderful words you can use.



Bath time fun

Have you got rubber ducks in your bath?

The perfect song would be 5 little ducks to have lots of fun.

5 little ducks went swimming one day
over the hill and far away, Mother
duck says quack, quack, quack, quack
and 4 little ducks come swimming
back.

4 little ducks

3 little ducks

2 little ducks

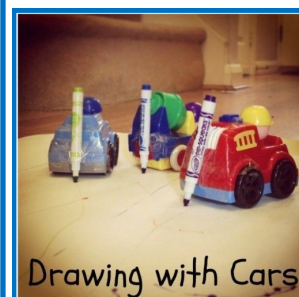
1 little duck



Drawing with Vehicles

Why not create marks with your favourite vehicle by taping pens to it.

What marks have you made?



Drawing with Cars

Junk modelling

Have a look around your home, can you see cardboard boxes, empty toilet/kitchen rolls, milk top lids?

I wonder what you could create maybe a robot or a rocket ship.

We would love to see your creations.



www.giftofcuriosity.com

Mark making

I know some of you enjoy drawing pictures and creating marks at nursery in shaving foam.

Ask your grown up to spray shaving foam on a tray and show them your fantastic creations– this may be your name, favourite TV characters or family members. I am sure they will be impressed.

Counting tubes

Kitchen/toilet roll tubes make a brilliant activity for counting and categorising numerals.

Milk/pop bottle lids or pom poms are ideal for this activity.



Counting Tubes

Mini beast playdough

Some friends at nursery have enjoyed looking for mini beasts. It would be nice to see if you could create worms, caterpillars spiders etc with playdough at home.

If you don't have playdough at home don't worry here is the recipe,

- 2 cups of flour
 - 1 cup of salt
 - 2 cups of warm water
 - Food colouring (optional)
 - 2 tbsps vegetable oil
1. Mix together the flour and salt in one bowl, and the water, oil and a few drops of food colouring in the other bowl
 2. Pour the oil, water and food colouring mix into the bowl with the flour. Use a wooden spoon to mix together
 3. Dust your wooden chopping board with flour. Place the dough mix on top and knead for a few minutes until smooth and pliable.



Play Dough Bugs

www.playlearneveryday.com

Incy Wincy Spider



SPIDER
play dough

THE IMAGINATION TREE

Number bingo

Ask your grown-up to help you make a bingo card by writing numerals on a sheet of paper/card. Use buttons (any small object) to place on the numeral when called. Maybe you could take turns with your grown up and be the bingo caller.



Threading

Use pasta or cheerio's to practise your coordination. Can you make a pattern?



Cotton bud painting

Using cotton buds for painting is a great tool for fine art and to begin to introduce detail to drawings.



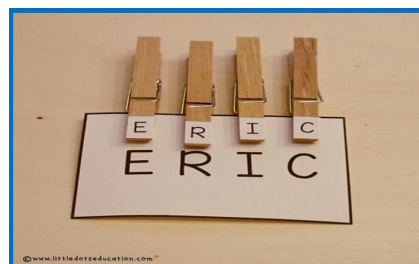
Wooden spoon puppets

Have a try at making your own puppets using your favourite story book to inspire you. Can you retell the story?



Letters of name

Ask your child to write individual letters of their name on pegs, can they place them in the correct order.



Edible finger paint

2 cups of Cornflour

1 cup of cold water

4.5 cups of boiling water

Liquid food colouring

Mix the cornflour with the cold water and stir together. Pour in the boiling water and stir. It will "melt" into a wonderful, custard-like consistency.

Next, separate into individual containers before adding colouring. If the consistency is still too runny add more cornflour.

Nursery rhymes

At nursery we have been promoting mathematics through number songs that are familiar to children. To continue this at home here is a useful link to try.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-counting-songs/zn67kmn>

Cloud dough

You will need;

- 1 cup of corn starch
- 1/2 cup of hair conditioner
- 1 mixing bowl
- Gel food colouring (optional)

Children enjoy the soft playdough to form models and using their imaginations to create a small world scenario.



Teddy Bear's picnic

Invite your teddies or favourite toys to a picnic.

Make sure your toys get the same amount of lovely treats.

Write down the amount of each item you have given your toy, are they the same.

Colour sorting

Can you match the colour of items. Which pile has the most/least?



Homemade rubbery Goop

Rubbery Goop looks and feels like basic play dough but it is textured differently. It is smooth, soft and slightly stretchy. Moulding it in the hands is very addictive as the texture is delightful. It is so much fun to play with, you can pull the goop apart and roll it back together to form a smooth ball. You can squeeze it and it will squish through your fingers .

You will need;

2 cups bi-carbonate soda (baking soda)

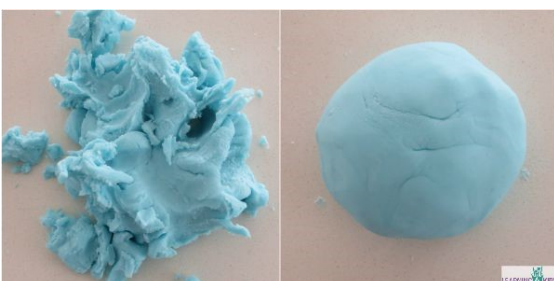
1 ½ cups water

1 cup of cornflour (corn starch)

Food colouring (optional)

Method

1. Combined all ingredients into a saucepan.
 2. Mix the ingredients together using a whisk to remove lumps.
 3. Heat on stove stirring with a wooden spoon.
 4. Bring the mixture to the boil continuously stirring.
 5. Small lumps will begin to appear, continue to stir until a thick mixture has formed.
 6. Turn out onto the bench. Be careful the Rubbery Goop will be very hot!
 7. Knead together to form a smooth ball of Rubbery Goop.
- Store in a plastic zip-lock bag or air tight container



Car Garage

Make your own car garage by using cereal boxes, toilet roll holders and cellotape.

You could record which car goes the fastest and slowest or have a race with your grown up for hours of fun.



Water play

You will need a deep dish (washing up bowl), warm soapy water and a cloth. Place your toys in the water and make them sparkly clean. Maybe you could introduce kitchen utensils such as a colander to give them a sprinkle.

Shops

Make your own shop by using items from your cupboards. Can you make price labels for them too (up to 10p).

Can you count the correct amount of pennies to pay?



Spaghetti Hair

You will need cooked spaghetti and a colander.

Place the Colander on the table and thread the spaghetti through the holes.

Carefully use your scissors alongside your grown-up to pretend you are cutting the hair (Spaghetti).

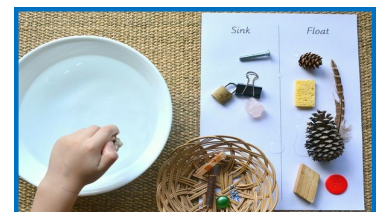
I wonder what lovely hair styles you could create.



Float or Sink?

Provide your child with a dish of water (preferably transparent) and objects that may float or sink.

Ask your child to predict the outcome and test their theory.



Skittle Experiment

Add skittles around the perimeter of a circular plate.

Then pour water to about halfway of the skittles.

Watch the magic unfold as the skittles magically change colours as they move towards the centre of the plate.

