

Reusing milk bottles - Using cleaned milk bottles you can create a variety of wonderful crafts. Can you decorate and make your own skittles game? How many can you knock down? A bird feeder for your garden or a windsock.



Coin Sorting

Coin sorting is a fantastic activity which allows your child to explore an important aspect of the real world. Please wash any coins that you intend to use before setting out the activity and make sure you stay with your child in case of any coins going into mouths as they are a choking hazard.

There are lots of ways to sort coins.

- By coin value. 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p etc.
- By coin size. Line them up according to size.
- By colour. Pennies and 2p in one pile, 5p/10p/20p/50p in another pile.
- By shape. Coins with one round edge, coins with lots of little edges.
- By picture. Show your child that the Queen is on the back of every coin. Look at all the different pictures on the back of 50p coins.



As they sort money, they can begin to notice the subtle differences in visual appearance, texture, weight, dimension, colour, relative size, smell, and sound. Use glass bowls to increase the sound element of coin sorting. Do all the coins sound the same when you drop them into the glass bowls/jam jars.

- Can you count the 1p coins? Remember to touch each 1p coin as you count it.
- Did you know coins are different shapes and weights so blind people can recognise them; if you close your eyes can you identify the coin?

Make a Nature Frame



Nature art frames are really simple to make and fun to play with. You just need an old piece of cardboard or paper, a pen and some scissors.

Then all you need to do is draw a simple shape or picture. Your shape or picture should have at least 1-2 easy to cut out sections that you can then look through. A butterfly is quite simple or maybe fairy's wings, a dinosaur, a castle or even a truck with two big cut-out wheels. There are endless possibilities.

When you have cut out the see through sections of your frames, all you need to do is take them outside and hold them up against any of the interesting natural things you can see, like the sky, trees, flowers or grass for example. Maybe take a photo of your backgrounds then you can discuss your favourites when you get home. This is a great activity to promote talking with your child, asking them why they prefer a certain background

More outside activities



Funky Fingers

What is Funky Fingers? Funky Fingers are fun activities for children to build up their upper body strength (gross motor skills) and finger/hand strength and control (fine motor skills). There is a wealth of activities that you can do with your child to improve these skills and get them ready to write. These activities can also support maths learning; count how many cheerios you can put on the spaghetti, clip the correct number of pegs onto the numbered leaves.



There are lots of websites you can visit to give you some ideas of how to develop different skills, for example Therapy Street for Kids <http://therapiststreetforkids.com/fmstrength.html>
<http://therapiststreetforkids.com/fm-pincergrasp.html>
<http://therapiststreetforkids.com/PreWritingSkills.html>

Pinterest <https://www.pinterest.com/nicm0y/eyfs-finemotorfunky-fingers/>

Alternatively, simply search for Funky Fingers activities on the internet which will provide a lot of information on the different skills to develop as well as lots of great ideas.

