

August Home learning ideas

I can put my coat on



Independent skills. I can.....

- Put my coat on
- Do my zip up
- Take my jumper off
- Put my jumper on
- Put my socks on
- Put my shoes on
- Carry my own bag and lunch box

Practising these skills daily will help your child especially those who are preparing to start school in September.

Summer Reading Challenge EYFS

The lovely Miss Ashton has created this website with some wonderful activities to encourage reading over the summer break.

https://wakelet.com/wake/2hktD9FmtgL_cE5JLANwW



Playdough - A simple playdough recipe you can have fun making at home.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/playdough-recipe>

Dough disco – have fun listening to music while you squeeze, pinch, pull, squash playdough. Great for practising fine motor skills.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DrBsNhwzgc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4add7QoLxk>



Makaton signing songs - 'Singing hands' have lots of youtube videos that we have loved joining in with at nursery. They have a great selection of traditional nursery rhymes and Pop songs. Here is a link to one of our favourites. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-G3shKfVnFs>



Body percussion - Try making different sounds with your body; clap your hands, stamp your feet, pat your thighs, click your fingers. Now try making a repeating pattern with your body percussion! Can someone repeat your pattern. Can you count along to keep in time.

Homemade instruments – Have a go at making a musical instrument, it could be something you shake, hit or pluck!

<https://artsycraftsymom.com/diy-musical-instruments-for-kids-to-make-and-play/>

Outdoor exploration

- **Leaf and bark rubbing** – have a go at finding different leaves or bark textures. Use crayons to make rubbings, you could make them into a picture or use them to make a nature crown.
- **Nature crowns** – you can use flowers, grass, sticks, leaves or the leaf rubbings you have created. Using a piece of card or paper, measure it so that it fits around your head (you might need two pieces’ cello taped together). Attach your leaves to the card or paper, can you create a pattern? Then cello tape or staple your strip to make a crown/hat to fit your head.
- **Shell hunt** – how many shells can you find on a trip to the beach? You can use the shells to create patterns or your own picture. Can you put the shells in size order?
- **Make a magic potion** – collect different leaves, petals, grass and flowers. You could rip them up or crush them in different pots, cups or tubs. Add water and stir with sticks from the garden. What happens to the water? What colours can you see?





Float or sink? - Using different objects from around the home investigate which ones will float or sink. Talk to your child about what they think will happen to each object. Once you have tested each object you could sort them into groups.

Make a foil boat – you can use tin foil to make different shape/size boats to float on water. How many coins can you put in the boat before it sinks. Count them up.

Floating lemon - This activity will encourage perseverance and patience. It's a fun challenge that the whole family can play. Put a lemon or orange in a bowl of water and see how many coins you can float on top.



Gross motor activities – getting your little one moving and having fun is really important. Here are some great ideas for making up games and challenges that the whole family could get involved in.

<https://handsonaswegrow.com/gross-motor-activities-preschoolers/>

