

Easy ideas and activities for home



Cutting skills

Draw simple shapes and designs for children to cut around. Use straight and curved lines so they can practice moving the scissors.



Cutting helps to develop my hand muscles and aid writing.



Make sure I know the names of all of the objects!



Kim's Game

Have a tray of everyday objects (e.g keys, mug, ball, pencil) - about 5 things to start with. Get your child to close their eyes and whilst they are not looking, take one way.

Open eyes! Can they tell you what has gone?

Use toys or different play animals. Add more items to make it harder!



Construction ideas

Use Lego, Duplo, wooden bricks, Sticklebricks - any sort of construction will do.

Build towers. Who has the tallest and the smallest? Can you make a building to fit a toy inside?



Encourage me to talk about what I am making!



My writing may not look like real writing! That's ok..it's called 'emergent writing'



Write a letter

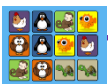
Write a letter to a relative or an elderly neighbour.

Don't forget the 'Dear' at the start and to put your name at the end to say who it is from.

Tell them something you have done that day.



Taking my turn and waiting for my turn are really important social skills for me.



Play lots of games

Game playing - snap, board games, pairs games - anything where you get to take turns is really important and fun too!



Being independent

Give your child challenges to be able to get dressed themselves. Maybe make it easier and see if they can put their socks on by themselves first.

Can they help you with some simple jobs around the house?

Being able to get dressed by myself is a great skill to have when I start school!



Learning what the numbers look like is important too but getting counting right is the most important for me first.



Count lots

Count how many jumps, how many claps, how many bricks, how many potatoes on their plate etc. Make sure your child says one number for one thing. Ask how many there are and try to get them to say the last number they counted.



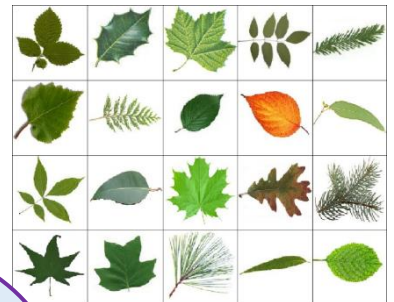
Search for leaves

Go for a walk and collect different leaves. What is the same?

What is different? How many different ones can you find?

Talk about the difference in shape, size and colour. Draw round the leaves.

Make leaf prints. Stick them in a scrap book



Being outside and with nature is vital to my development



I learn lots through water play- maths, science, creativity, imagination - and it's so much fun!



Bath time fun

Collect lots of toys and play with them in the bath. What floats and what sinks? Why? Can you make them float and sink?

Get cups, jugs, bowls and different containers. When are they full? When are they empty? How many cups will the jugs? How many jugs will fill the bowl?

When the weather is nice use the paddling pool to play these games outside.