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slow  
down,  
enjoy  
life...

Good morning,

If surviving a global pandemic has taught us anything, it is about enjoying the 'here and now' and celebrating our nearest and dearest.

Here are some fun and exciting learning activities I've put together for the your child this week:

### **Number Hunt**

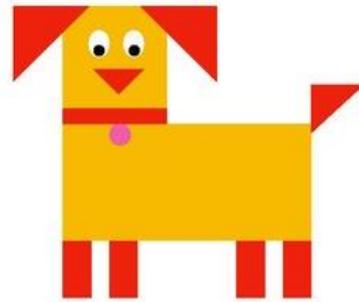
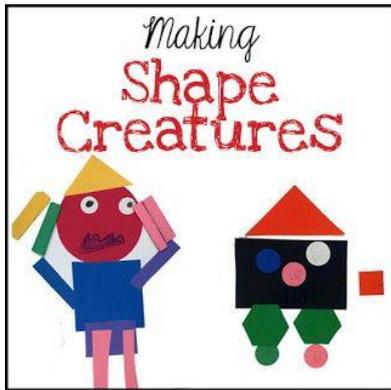
*Find the numbers! Create a sensory bin using play sand, coloured rice, kidfetti, shells and any other natural or messy play resources you would like to add. Then bury your numbered shells within for an exciting treasure hunt for the children.*



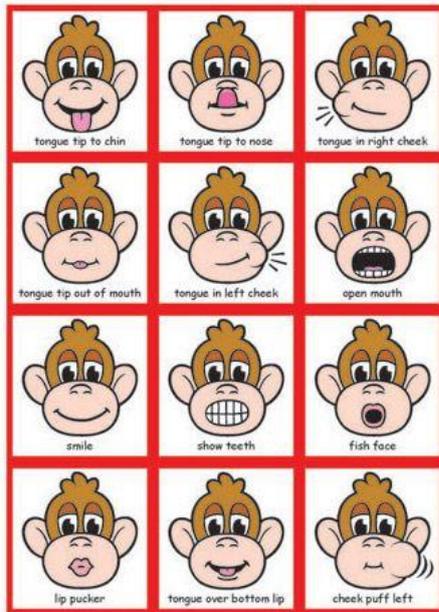
### **Frozen Maths**

Sort the numbers before they vanish! Freeze numbers in water to make numbered ice cubes, then ask the children to order the numbers in an ice tray before they melt away. A great way to build their number sense with a sensory touch.



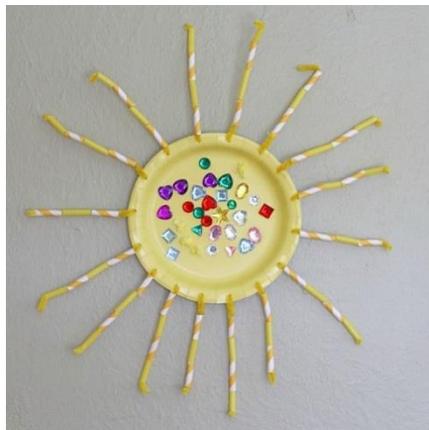


**Make a word box** – in each box put items which belong with that letter 😊



Practise making faces – this will support speech development 😊

### ***Paper Plate Sun Craft***



Here comes the sun! This fun and simple paper plate craft will definitely work on those fine motor skills, as little ones carefully glue each of the sun's "rays" on (AKA yellow pipe cleaners).

What you'll need:

- 1 small yellow paper plate (or a white one your child can paint yellow)
- 1 single hole punch
- Yellow pipe cleaners
- Yellow straws
- Scissors
- Yellow tissue paper squares
- Liquid glue
- Sequins or jewels (optional)

## Caterpillar Suncatcher Craft



This caterpillar suncatcher offers children a fun indoor activity. Using the colourful tops of extra Play-Doh lids, you can help guide your little one as he sticks them to the window, forming a happy little caterpillar. Then show him where to glue on the tiny caterpillar legs, ears and eyes to complete the friendly face.

What you'll need:

- Play-Doh lids (5 small and 1 large)
- Glue dots
- 2 small wiggly eyes
- Black permanent marker
- 2 black pipe cleaners
- Tape
- Scissors
  
- <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/> provides some great online Maths activities with the focus on fun! Well worth a look 😊
- **Bang Bang Maths Game**

Bang bang is a great game for practising quick recall facts.

**What you need to play:**

- Two willing mathematicians!

**How to play**

*Step 1:* 2 players stand back to back, cowboy shootout style.

*Step 2:* A question is called out, such as 'what is 7 x 6?'

*Step 3:* The first player to turn, face their opponent, shout 'bang bang' and to give the answer wins the round.

Step 4: This is then repeated until a number of points, decided at the start of the game, is reached. That player is then the winner.

- **Make shapes**

Children could explore making 2D shapes in two ways: with their bodies, e.g. lie on the floor to make a triangle, or using large loops of string/ribbon. The string method is better for Key Stage 2 so you can look more closely at the angles, e.g. make a right angled triangle, make an isosceles triangle, make an irregular pentagon.

- **Target Games**

Set a target and allocate a particular score for each area that the pupil is able to throw a beanbag into. Pupils can have clipboards and be responsible for noting down scores and adding them up. This is easily adaptable from Year 1 to Year 6: using single digit numbers for, move on to multiples of 10, 20 and 100 or challenge with a mixture of 3 or 4 digit numbers for upper KS2. You could even get them adding decimals numbers. Why not challenge each team to calculate their average score at the end?

- <https://www.globalhealthhomeschool.org/activities/> provides some great science experiments that you can do at home.
- <https://www.pobble365.com/> is a great resource that provides a new 'image' each day as it great for discussions and creative writing 😊

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<https://www.easypeasyapp.com/> Download the 'Easy Peasy' app. It is packed with fun and games 😊

<https://issuu.com/1decisionltd/docs/yellow-learns-about-germs> is a create video to explain to the boys about germs. It might help them make sense of the world around them at the moment.

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/early-years-development/health-and-development/healthy-eating/> This is a really useful site which supports advice on healthy eating with little ones 😊

[https://www.rainbowtrust.org.uk/support-for-families/activities?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=activities+&utm\\_content=June\\_Ad1&fbclid=IwAR1VJ9TGL1-rqHMqKntI3pOo7vimdJL4XAhVleBtfrvmlAwJ9C6TI6RG5A](https://www.rainbowtrust.org.uk/support-for-families/activities?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=activities+&utm_content=June_Ad1&fbclid=IwAR1VJ9TGL1-rqHMqKntI3pOo7vimdJL4XAhVleBtfrvmlAwJ9C6TI6RG5A) This link is from a wonderful charity that supports families with seriously ill children. However, the ideas they have created our fun for any family and perfect for lockdown boredom!

In addition...

Perfect for some physical activity - why not get your child to complete a virtual pentathlon. You could even create your own award

ceremony! 😊 <https://sportinherts.org.uk/app/uploads/2020/06/Virtual->

[Pentathlon.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1jDUKvSJF1i1SWZgMca5JNry-RchT6\\_QhIOpxK3vrr-cS5vjaZdJZpVvw](https://www.covid19parenting.com/englishtips)

This is a great website with lots of practical tips and ideas 😊 <https://www.covid19parenting.com/englishtips>

This link takes you to 14 FREE courses to support children with Special Educational Needs. Not all of these will be appropriate for the boys however, it is a great opportunity to see how you can support the boys' learning and development at home: [http://splinx.co.uk/Online-courses-for-parents-and-professionals.html?utm\\_source=Facebook&utm\\_medium=Social+Media+Post&utm\\_campaign=Blog\\_Test\\_2&fbclid=IwAR0HF5jU895cYwMSKGcxh8lz6cSqT-uvVqSMZZc77Qv6ILPx3a-aen-4m-s](http://splinx.co.uk/Online-courses-for-parents-and-professionals.html?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=Social+Media+Post&utm_campaign=Blog_Test_2&fbclid=IwAR0HF5jU895cYwMSKGcxh8lz6cSqT-uvVqSMZZc77Qv6ILPx3a-aen-4m-s)

[https://www.senresourcesource.co.uk/?fbclid=IwAR0Cz-lAfiTkBfbHswjFam4w6OCpTdszf-G0\\_tfsH2DWXgzX-tLt5vCte4](https://www.senresourcesource.co.uk/?fbclid=IwAR0Cz-lAfiTkBfbHswjFam4w6OCpTdszf-G0_tfsH2DWXgzX-tLt5vCte4) This site offers some create resources which can be downloads and used at home. We use quite a few of these at school too so they should be familiar to your child.

Enjoy 😊

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