

Focusing on your child's journey towards the seven Early Learning Goals, try some of our exciting, hands-on activities to ensure your child is developing new skills and enjoying learning at home. Read the below activities to your child, then guide them in some fun learning time together.

Physical Development

Paper Planes

Watch this [video](#) on how to make some basic paper aeroplanes.

Have a go at making your own and see how far you can make it fly.

Have a plane flying competition with someone else from your house and see who can fly the aeroplane the furthest.

Balloon Tennis

With a partner play a game of balloon tennis.

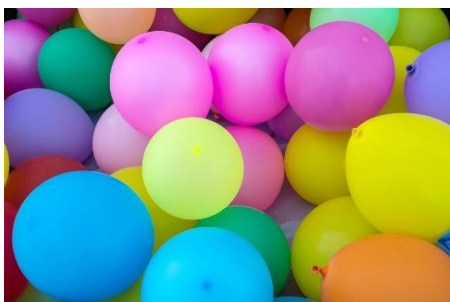
Using your hands hit the balloon to your partner who will then hit the balloon back.

Remember not to let the balloon touch the ground or catch it with your hands, as you will lose a point.

or

Play a game of balloon 'Keepy Uppy'. Try to keep the balloon in the air for as long as you can by tapping it with your hands, feet or head.

Count how many times you tap the balloon to keep it in the air and try to increase the number of taps each time you play.



Understanding the World

Shadows

Create your own shadows outside using the sun or inside using a lamp.

Experiment to see how you can make your shadow bigger or smaller.

Have a go at shadow drawing. Line up some toys in front of a light source (sun or a lamp) and draw around their shadows.



Bug Hotel

Watch this [video](#) on how to make a bug hotel.

Gather some natural resources when you are next out on a walk (twigs, leaves, pinecones etc.).

Stuff some cardboard tubes with the natural resources and stack them either in a box or just in a sheltered place.

Watch over time to see if you have any visitors.

Communication & Language

Guess the Sound

Listen next time you are outside to the noises you can hear.

Can you guess what the noises are and what/who is making them?

Give yourself an extra challenge and listen to these [animal noises](#). Can you correctly guess which noise belongs to which animal?



Expressive Arts & Design

Flower Threading

Cut a shape out of cardboard (cereal box).

Create holes in the shape, use a hole-punch if you have one, if not, ask an adult to help you create some holes using a sharp pencil.

Get a collection of flowers and thread them through the holes. Do not forget to check with an adult first that it is ok to pick them.

Make sure you only pick familiar wild flowers such as daisies as some flowers contain toxic liquids, which can be harmful.



Literacy

Story Den

Build a den using blankets, cushions, cardboard or sheets.

Invite family members into your den to share a story.

At the end, ask the person you shared the story with questions about the story. Can they answer all your questions correctly?



Maths

Drawing With Numbers

Watch this [video](#) on how to draw using numbers and try to have a go yourself.

Can you think of other things that you can draw starting with a number?



Writing with Nature

Collect a selection of leaves, flowers and twigs.

Arrange them on a piece of paper or cardboard so that they spell out your or a family member's name.

Once you are happy with the arrangement, stick the leaves, flowers and twigs down with glue.



Building Challenge

Using blocks such as Lego, Duplo or wooden bricks try to complete these building challenges.

Can you build:

- A town
- A castle
- A spaceship
- A maze

Find more challenges [here](#).



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Pizza Faces

Follow the below recipe to create your own mini pizzas.

Ingredients

- Mini pitta breads
- Tomato sauce
- Grated cheese
- Diced or sliced raw vegetables (peppers, onions, mushrooms or olives)
- Sliced ham, pepperoni or chicken (optional)



Instructions

1. Pre heat an oven to 180°C
2. Spread the tomato sauce on one side of each pitta.
3. Sprinkle with grated cheese and top with vegetables.
4. Brown in the oven for about 8 minutes, or until the cheese melts.

Be creative and make your pizzas into faces.

Can you make a sad, happy or angry face?