

## Home learning ideas

### Under 3's

- While in the garden, name the new things you can see. Talk about what they do or what might be happening. For example; the daffodils are beginning to flower.
- Sing some action songs with your child like. For example; head, shoulders, knees and toes. Wheels on the bus. Sleeping bunnies, 5 little monkeys jumping on the bed.
- Play simple games where your child has to wait. An example is; when building a tower or saying ready, steady go when racing cars down a ramp.
- Play turn taking game like catch.
- Encourage sharing at home (with siblings, if appropriate) using a timer so the child can see how long they need to wait for their turn.
- Have a treasure hunt, hide things around the house for children to find, for older children write clues.
- Play memory games, you need some objects, a tray & a scarf of thin blanket. Talk about the objects you have chosen then ask the children to close their eyes. Remove something from the tray. What is missing?

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- When you are cooking give your child some counting to do. - please get me 3 carrots from the cupboard. Talk about what you are making & how you will make it.
- Make playdough, 1 cup of flour, 1 cup of salt, 2 teaspoons of crème of Tartar, 2 tablespoons of oil, 2 cups of water (add food coloring). Heat in a pot on the stove, continually till it is the consistency of dough.
- Introduce them to new vocabulary through nonfiction books or through Cbeebies. Also remember to explain to them what it means.
- As spring is almost here, when you are out in the garden talk about the changes you can see & how different the weather, trees and flowers look.
- Encourage them to be more independent. Dressing & undressing, zipping up coats.
- Play family games together where they will have to wait longer for their turn and might not always win.
- Make up silly rhymes with their names and encourage them to have a go too. Perhaps using the same initial beginning or ending sound. **Sally snake slithered slowly, Dan, man, can, fan, tan.**
- Sing counting songs – Alice the camel. One little finger, 5 little ducks, 1,2,3,4,5..., 10 green bottles,
- Play action counting games, can you hop 3 times, can you clap 4 times,
- Use Duplo or Lego to talk about grouping and sorting with your child. What pieces are the same? How are they the same? Could you sort them in a different way? How many blocks have only 4 circles on top