

# Working Together to Extend your Child's Learning at Home

As we work in partnership with parents/carers we ask that you continue to enhance your child's learning and development at home over the coming weeks through sharing and exploring with some or all of the following activities which you can enjoy together:

Items added to YouTube -

[Auntie Rachel meets Lola the Listening Leopard](#)

[Auntie Jen reads We're Going on a Leaf Hunt](#)

## Activities to do:

- ☀️ Go on your own leaf hunt to collect colourful leaves - you could even create your own leaf kebab using leaves and a stick!
- ☀️ Create large patterns with your found leaves outdoors, like our artist of the week - Andy Goldsworthy (picture below).



- ☀️ Encourage your child to experiment with paint, creating handprints. When they are comfortable with putting their hands in paint, encourage them to take off their socks and dip their feet in the paint and create footprints on large paper.



- ☀️ Help your child to create a route, using maybe train or Happy Street track or even just blocks.



- ☀️ Help your child to create a large obstacle course outdoors using anything that you can find for them to climb over, crawl under or through or that they can use as stepping-stones. As they move across the equipment, talk to them about the route that they are taking.





# Cinnamon Salt Dough Leaves

You need:

- \* 1 Cup Salt
- \* 1 Cup Flour
- \* Half Cup Warm Water
- \* 3 Tsp Cinnamon



Simply mix all ingredients together, adding the water slowly. Knead until it's a firm dough. Then use leaf stencils or as we did, cut around leaves from the garden. Poke a hole through for threading. Leave to dry out completely, this could take a couple of days. Then paint your leaves.



# Being Creative with Outdoor Treasure

Take a walk to the park, the woods or even around the garden. Collect lots of leaves, conkers, acorns. Then be creative! Draw an outline of a head and then create some funny faces.

Opportunity to talk about the features and the five senses.



- ☀️ Follow the below link to make some gloop with your child using cornflour and water. Chat about how it feels as they use their senses to explore.

[How to make gloop](#)



- ☀️ Follow the below link to a 60 Minute Nursery Rhyme Medley. Sing along and encourage your child to join in with the songs - including actions if there are any!

[60 Minute Nursery Rhyme Medley](#)

- ☀️ Play alongside your child at an activity of their own choosing. As they play use the commenting approach (see below link) to give a running commentary of what they are doing. Continue to try to carry out the commenting approach with your child for approximately 10 minutes daily.

[An introduction to using the commenting approach with your child](#)

**Below are some useful links that you may wish to browse to find other ideas for activities!**

- ❖ [Hungry Little Minds](#)
- ❖ [Activities for babies, toddlers and children - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)
- ❖ [Family Zone | National Literacy Trust](#)
- ❖ [Black Country Early Outcomes | Activities for under 5s](#)
- ❖ [Activities for kids: Fun development and bonding ideas for babies, toddlers and pre-school children](#)

**Also of interest -**

The National Marine Aquarium have Mermaid Tales each Friday at 1.30-1.45pm - a real mermaid reading stories! Follow the link attached for more information.

[Home Learning Sessions | Ocean Education | National Marine Aquarium](#)



**MERMAID TALES - FRIDAYS AT 1:30 – 1:45PM [EARLY YEARS]**

Who wants to meet a real mermaid? Well you can during this session, where Marina our resident Mermaid will read a short story to everybody tuned in – perfect timing before an afternoon nap, or as a gentle, relaxing start to the afternoon