

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 Jill reads The Christmas Story](#)

[Peppa Pig's Christmas Special](#)

Activities to do:

- ☀ Tell your child the story of the very first Christmas or watch Pastor Jill read it by following the above link. Talk to them about why we celebrate Christmas and that it is a time for giving - just like the shepherds and the wise people gave Jesus gifts. Would they like to make a card or picture to give as a gift to someone special to them?
- ☀ Watch Peppa Pig's Christmas Special by clicking on the above link to see how Peppa celebrates Christmas.



☀ Follow the below recipe to make some Christmas pine scented play dough to create your own Christmas trees with!



Pine Scented Playdough

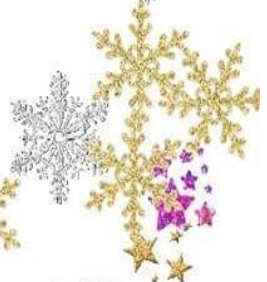


You need:

- * 1 cup flour
- * Half cup salt
- * 1 tbsp Cream of Tartar
- * 1 Cup boiling water
- * Green food colouring
- * 4-5 drops pine scented essential oil.



Mix flour, salt and tartar together. Add oil, food colouring and pine drops. Slowly add the water until consistency is dough like.



- ☀ Follow the below recipe to make some Christmas biscuits with your child. You could even decorate them with icing and sweets. You could make some to eat and some to decorate your tree!

[Christmas biscuit recipe link](#)



- ☀ Offer your child a variety of used or discarded Christmas cards. Can they use scissors effectively to cut out the pictures? They could then use glue to stick them to paper to create their own Christmas scene or create a pattern on card with them to create their own Christmas card for a friend or relative.



☀️ Follow the below link to play a Christmas physical game with your child. Download the cards and then show your child the moves to make when they see each card, eg march like a nutcracker soldier, take tiny elf steps. When they are used to linking the moves to the pictures you could flash the cards and see if your child knows what to do without telling them!

[Christmas Physical Game cards link](#)

☀️ 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