

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 some or all of the following activities, which you can enjoy together:

New items added to YouTube -

[Auntie Chloe reads The Gingerbread Man](#)

[Wash your Dirty Hands song](#)

[Salt dough recipe](#)

[Sticky Kids Let's Go Walking](#)

[Sticky Kids Funky Monkey](#)

Activities to do:

- ☀️ Read your child The Gingerbread Man story or follow the above link to see Auntie Chloe reading the story.



- ☀️ Draw some a simple outline of a Gingerbread Man on a piece of paper. Can your child decorate it with features and buttons? Encourage them to carefully cut around the outline using scissors.
- ☀️ Follow the above link to follow a recipe to make salt dough with your child. Involve them in measuring out the ingredients and mixing the dough together. Use cutters to cut out shapes - if you have an appropriate cutter, you could even create your own gingerbread man! When complete, cook the shapes until hard then your child can decorate them!

- ☀️ Create a small world farm for your child to explore. Use a variety of textured items for the different areas such as the picture below. Perhaps try straw, sawdust, grass, stones or gravel and place different animals in each area. Can they use words to describe the texture?



- ☀️ Encourage your child to practise their scissor skills. Draw some lines on a piece of paper and help them to hold the scissors correctly and to use them effectively to cut along the line. If they get really good at this, challenge them by drawing a wiggly line or a simple shape to cut around.



- ☀️ Talk with your child about the sequence that everyday activities happen, such as the sequence of hand washing, ie rolling up sleeves, turning on the tap, putting on soap, lathering, rinsing and drying. Or maybe the sequence of dressing, talking about which items they put on first, then what comes next. See if they can recall the correct sequences and use the language 'first' and 'then'.
- ☀️ Follow the above link to sing 'Wash your Dirty Hands' with your child to encourage them to think about the importance of hygiene.



- ☀️ Follow the above link to take part in an exercise session with your child. Talk to them about the effects of exercise on their body, increased heart rate, feeling warmer and out of breath.
- ☀️ 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!

- ❖ [Better Health Start for Life - tips on helping your child to talk](#)
- ❖ [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](#)