

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:

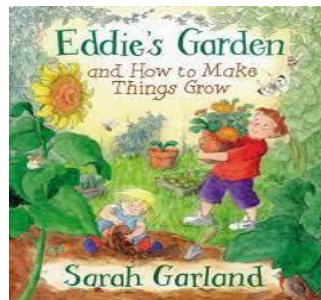
New items added to YouTube -

[Auntie Rachel letter 'm' activity](#)

[Auntie Chloe reads Eddie's Garden](#)

Activities to do:

- ☀️ Read your child the story *Eddie's Garden* or watch the above link to the story.



- ☀️ Eddie plants lots of seeds in the story. Observe your seeds that you planted last week, make sure that they have got everything they need to grow - sunshine, water and soil.
- ☀️ Create a chart to show how much your plants are growing.



Spring Activity Ideas for Out and About...



- Make a wind streamer
- Make a mud face for a tree.



- Spot & identify birds, squirrels etc.
- Do some leaf and bark rubbings



- Balance on logs
- Have an Spring nature treasure hunt



- Play "Go find it..."

○ Play "I spy..." (for young children, use descriptions e.g. something round and shiny in a spiky shell).

- Talk about nature that you can see all around you.

- Go on a bug hunt, looking under leaves, logs and stones.

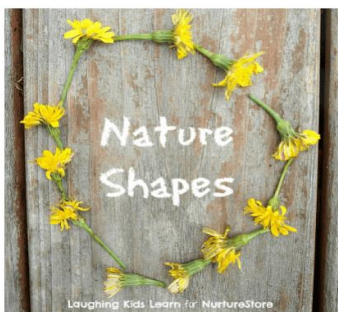


- Climb a tree.
- Splash in puddles.



- Have a colour hunt. Find things that are green, red etc.

- Have a sound hunt. Stop still and quiet for a few moments...what can you hear? Are there different sounds in different places?
- Take a camera and let your child take photos of anything that interests them or make it a scavenger hunt if they need more direction.
- Create art on the ground using nature like seeds, stones, sticks and leaves. Frame it with sticks.



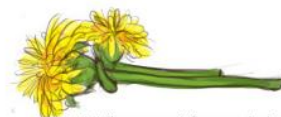
How to make a flower crown of dandelions



Start with picking a lot of dandelions, other flowers will do as well, as long as their pedicel is long, you will need the pedicel to build around.



You will want to keep the pedicel long



"lock" the second flower inbetween



Continue like that until you reach a good length which will suit you, you should be able to form a circle with it.



"Close" it by "locking" the remaining pedicel around the first flower on the other end

WELL DONE!

- Make a collection of interesting items to take home.
- Count them.
- Put them in order of size.



- ☀ Watch the above link to Auntie Rachel's phonics activity. Go on a walk and see how many things your child can find beginning with 'm' initial sound.
- ☀ Find some Spring flowers and put them in a vase for your child to draw. Talk to them about the shapes of the flowers and the colours. Encourage them to draw a picture of what they see.



- ☀ Hide some items around the house for your child to find. Give them clues about where the items are hidden using positional language in the instruction, such as under the bed, behind the cupboard, inside the box. When they have a good grasp of the game, see if they can hide the objects and give you clues using positional language.
- ☀ 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](#)