

# 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:

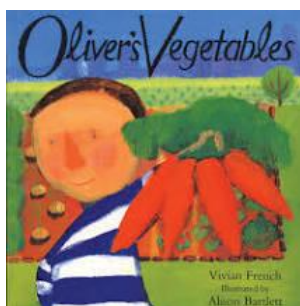
New items added to YouTube -

[Auntie Rachel's letter 'd' activity](#)

[Auntie Jen reads Oliver's Vegetables](#)

## Activities to do:

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



- ☀️ Oliver explores lots of different vegetables in the story. Take your child shopping to choose a variety of different vegetables. When you get home put them on a tray for your child to explore, cut some of them in half so that they can see what is inside. Are there any seeds? Talk to them about what they can see, smell and even taste. Talk to them about which vegetables grow above the ground and which grow under the ground. Are any of the vegetables in Oliver's story?
- ☀️ Use some of the vegetables you have cut in half to print with by dipping them in paint. Talk to your child about the different shapes that are made. Cut them in a variety of different ways to see the different shapes that are then printed on the paper. Encourage your child to create and continue an ABAB pattern

when printing. If they make a mistake, encourage them to notice and correct it.



- Using the selection of vegetables, talk to your child about which ones are longer/bigger and which are shorter/smaller. Can your child measure them? Instead of using a tape measure, try using small blocks. Count how many small blocks are the same length as the vegetable. How many small blocks long are the other vegetables?
- Watch the above link to Auntie Rachel's phonics activity. Take your child on walk around the house and see if they can collect some items beginning with the letter 'd'.
- Play a turn taking game with your child, such as a board game. Explain the rules and encourage your child to follow them. Encourage them to stay at the activity until the game has finished, developing their concentration, and encouraging good sportsmanship.
- Put some sand in a long tray or storage box. Give your child some cars to play with in it. Can they create roads for the cars in the sand? Some diggers would be great to play with too, or maybe gravel instead of sand!



***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](#)