

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:

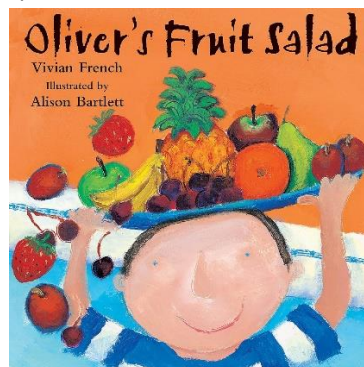
New items added to YouTube -

[Auntie Rachel's Going on a Picnic - Segmenting and Blending Activity](#)

[Auntie Jen reads Oliver's Fruit Salad](#)

Activities to do:

- ☀️ Read your child the story Oliver's Fruit Salad or follow the above link to watch the story.



- ☀️ Oliver explores lots of different fruit in the story. Ask your child to go on a hunt around your kitchen to find some fruit. Do they like eating any of the fruits they have found?
- ☀️ Choose two of the fruits they have found to do a printing activity. Can they remember the printing that they did last week? Can they print with the fruit but keep to a two-colour pattern? If they find that too easy, try them with a three-colour pattern. Can they create their own pattern?



- ☀ Do you have any chicken wire fencing or trellis in your garden? If you do, encourage your child to use it to weave on. If you don't have any ribbons for them to weave with, cut strips of carrier bags instead.
- ☀ Watch the above link to Auntie Rachel's phonics activity. Create a picnic to have with your child, choose items that you can 'sound out' to them and encourage them to guess the items, such as j-a-m, or c-a-ke.
- ☀ Following on from our fruit activities, support your child to make some orange juice. Slice some oranges in half and help your child to squeeze the juice out of them, either by using a juicer or just by squeezing them with their hands. They could try drinking some of the juice or even water it down slightly and make some orange juice ice lollies from it!
- ☀ Put some compost in a deep tray or storage box. Give your child some plant pots and some trowels or spoons to use to fill the pots. Can they fill and empty the pots? If you have some spare carrots or potatoes, bury them in the compost for your child to dig up! Talk to them about vegetables that grow in the ground and those that grow above the ground.



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](#)