

# 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 -

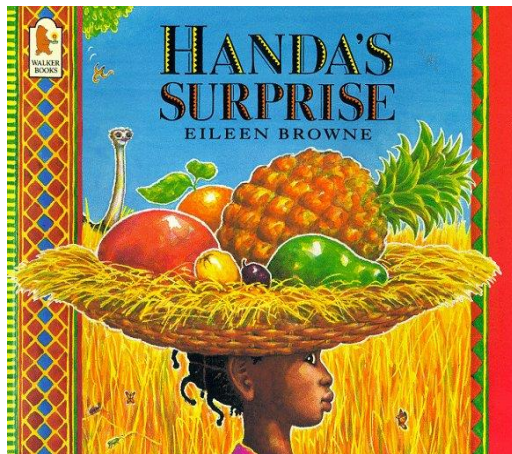
[Auntie Rachel's Tally Chart of Favourite Fruits](#)

[Auntie Jen reads Handa's Surprise](#)

[Betsy the Banana Cosmic Yoga Workout](#)

## Activities to do:

- Read your child the story Handa's Surprise or watch the above link to the story.



- The story contains a variety of fruits that are grown in hot countries. Show your child a map or a globe and explain where our country is and then show them the hot countries where the story is set and where the fruits are grown. Explain that the hot countries are all close to the equator.
- Talk to them about the animals that live in hot countries too. Maybe set up a 'hot countries' small world for them to play with. In a tray put some sand and dry grass, place some toy animals from hot countries around for them to use in an imaginative way.

Encourage them to think what it must be like to live in a hot country.



- Watch the above link to Auntie Rachel's Favourite Fruit Tally Chart. Talk about the favourite fruits of members of your family and support your child to create their own tally chart.
- Ask your child to gather a variety of fruits from your fruit bowl. Can they make comparisons between their size and length? Which is the longest or shortest, which is the biggest, smallest? Can they order them by size?



- Draw some simple fruit outlines on some paper. Offer your child scissors and encourage them to cut around the outline with care.
- Follow the above link to join in with Betsy the Banana Cosmic Yoga Workout.
- 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](#)



**Go Outdoors!**

1. How many natural objects can you find with a line of symmetry?
2. Go bug hunting, can you name them all?
3. Draw a spider's web.
4. Jump in puddles, who can make the biggest splash?
5. Collect some sticks and size order them. Discuss the length of each.
6. Play I-spy on a walk.
7. Use a stick to write your name.
8. Build a den.
9. Go on a flower hunt, how many different types can you find?
10. Draw your favourite find; a flower, leaf, tree or minibeast.



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](#)