

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 Jen reads My Dad](#)

[CBeebies Days of the Week Song](#)

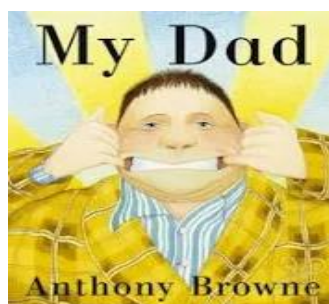
[Auntie Rachel's Going on a Picnic Blending and Segmenting activity](#)

[Sticky Kids - Stand Up, Sit Down action song](#)

[Sticky Kids - Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes action song](#)

Activities to do:

- Read your child a story about Daddies or watch the above link to see Auntie Jen reading My Dad. Talk about members of your family and the different activities your child takes part in with different people.



- Encourage your child to draw a picture of Daddy, thinking about what he looks like, the colour of his hair and eyes and some of the activities that Daddy might like to do.
- Follow the above link to the 'Days of the Week Song'. Help your child become familiar with the days of the week and link this to The Very Hungry Caterpillar story from last week.

- Follow the above link to watch Auntie Rachel's Going on a Picnic Blending and Segmenting activity. Try to use blending and segmenting sounds during your daily conversations with your child, eg: 'Put the paper in the b-i-n bin,' or, 'put on your c-oa-t coat'. The more you can model this with your child, the quicker they will grasp the concept which will help them to split words into sounds ready for reading.
- Follow the above links to carry out the action songs with your child. Encourage them to remember the sequences of movements as they sing.



- Hide some shells or stones in a sand pit, or in soil. Play alongside your child by having a bucket each and then have a race to see how many stones or shells you can each find. When you have both finished, look into the buckets to see who has got more, fewer than or if you have the same number. You could also play a game like Pop-Up Pirate and talk as you play about who has more or fewer swords or if you have the same. These kind of activities and language will really help your child to understand quantity.



- Help your child to create a caterpillar by using sticky tape to stick different coloured bottle tops to a strip of card. They could even draw legs and a face onto it!

- Set up a vet role play with your child using a variety of cuddly animals. You can use cardboard boxes for their beds. Play alongside them, imagining what is wrong with each animal, how your child can help them to get better, and how to look after them whilst they are recuperating. Help them to understand key features of the life cycle of different types of animals.



- 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](#)

Black Country Outcomes -

Black Country Early Outcomes is a website that is designed to help parents, support the early identification of speech and language needs and to provide information for parents and practitioners, give access to training and enable parents and practitioners to create language rich environments for all children.

Their website has a wealth of information for parents and there is a section regarding school readiness.

The below link will take you to a 'Little Chick' story that you can share with your child to help them become prepared for the changes that will happen in their lives as they start school:

[Little Chick Starts School Story](#)

Little Chick starts school



Little Chick Starts School is a story all about what to expect when a child starts Reception. It's designed to be read by parent and child together. Inside, there are also lots of tips about how parents can support their child emotionally and practically as they begin this exciting new chapter.

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