

Thrive activities useful for parents of children up to 7 years old – week seven

Children love having an adult to play alongside them. Notice how your child approaches a new activity and use this information to ensure the activity is safe. Show them how to do it first if they are a little bit hesitant to join in to help them become more confident. Here are some creative activities that you can use with your child, aged 3 to 7 years.

Monday	<p>Make a balloon pet Blow up a balloon. Draw a pet face on the front. Cut and tie the leash on. Make paper ears and a streamer for the tail, then stick them on with tape. Why not take it for a walk!</p>
Tuesday	<p>Sweet or savoury? Decorate biscuits or crackers - make happy faces using sweets, fresh or dried fruit, cheese, ham, crisps etc. Let your imagination go wild!.</p>
Wednesday	<p>Lego challenge Build a marble run or a maze for a Lego man. Try it out! Does it work? Ask a family member to see if they can find the way out.</p>
Thursday	<p><u>Hand Clapping games</u> A feel good activity – how many can you remember from your childhood?</p>
Friday	<p>Simon Says Take turns. Be as adventurous and energetic as possible. Don't make it competitive – just have fun!</p>
Saturday	<p><u>Bouncy ball play</u> Have fun and develop motor skills.</p>
Sunday	<p>Jigsaw puzzle Share a puzzle together. You don't need to finish it in one session – come back to it and make it a family activity/challenge.</p>

Top Tips:

- ✓ Be encouraging and patient when your child is doing something for the first time.
- ✓ Notice when they are really interested in an activity and encourage them to do it for as long as possible.
- ✓ Playing alongside/with your child will support them to remain interested and enthusiastic about the game or activity.