

Have a go at some of these fun activities at home. As well as being enjoyable play based activities they will help your child develop skills that will help them make progress as they move through Nursery and Reception at school.

* Share simple story books and comics together. Talk about the pictures and see if your child can answer some simple questions about the story.
* Make some simple masks using circles of card or paper plates and make up stories or retell simple traditional fairy tales.
* Develop simple memory skills by playing “I went to the shops and I bought…..” games where you add an item each time to remember.
* Play a “What am I?” game where you describe a shape, animal, fairy tale character and see if your child can guess it. Then switch roles and let them ask the questions!
* Go on a colour hunt – how many red/blue/yellow things can you find in your house?
* Make a scavenger hunt list – can your child find the items on it e.g. a bath toy, a spoon, two socks, a cup, a plate, a red crayon etc.
* Practice using scissors to snip old greetings cards – you could make a collage of shapes the children cut out.
* Play simple turn taking games like Guess who, Pop up Pirate, SNAP, matching pairs and Frustration, as well as paper games like Noughts and Crosses, and BINGO.
* Have a competition to stuff a sock with as many small items as you can – who can find the most? Who can get the most into the sock?
* Bake some fairy cakes to ice – children can weigh the ingredients and talk about them – if they weigh an egg in its shell and then weigh out the flour, sugar and butter to match that weight, combine all the ingredients and bake! No recipe required!
* Build a den using sheets, blankets and duvet covers – it could be a reading den, a puppet theatre, a picnic for toys – endless possibilities!
* Make your own playdough (see recipe attached) and make shapes, sausages and rol balls of different sizes. This is great for developing finger strength and early writing. You could even do a Dough Disco to music (Look on You Tube under Dough Disco or Shonette Bason for ideas!)
* Set up a shop with real pennies, make some price tags and take turns at being the shop keeper and the customer.
* You could download the ‘Teach your Monster to Read App’ which is supported by the Department for Education as a reading tool.

**Please send in photographs your child trying some of these activities on Tapestry for us to see!**

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