

Here are some ideas for you to try at home with your child to enhance their learning. This advice is taken from the Development Matters document which supports the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum.

There will be more specific tasks and resources added soon, but these are activities/approaches which will always be beneficial to your child.

Prime Areas



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- *Encourage your child to explore and talk about what they are learning, valuing their ideas and ways of doing things.
- *Offer help with activities when asked but not before
- *Talk about fair and unfair situations, people's feelings and how we can make things fair.
- *Affirm and praise positive behaviour, explaining that it makes

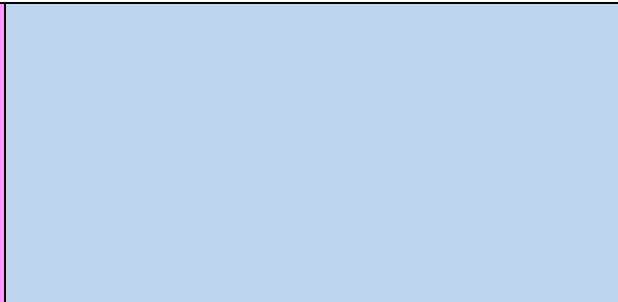
Communication, Language and Literacy

- *Play games which involve listening for a signal, such as 'Simon Says', and use 'ready, steady ...go!'
- *Encourage your child to listen to sounds in the world around them.
- *Talk about stories that you read together. Ask them what they think will happen next, who their favourite characters are etc.
- *Have fun with words. Make up silly words and nonsense rhymes.

Physical Development

- *Provide your child with pens and pencils that encourage them to 'mark make' and begin writing.
- *Give your child opportunities to play with different materials such as play dough and clay and give them different tools to explore how they can change these materials.
- *Have fun at the park or in the garden: balancing, hopping, jumping and climbing over and under equipment.

other children and adults feel happier.
 *Make time to listen to your child and explain to them why it is important to listen to others.



*Experiment with eating different types of healthy food and talk about which food are good for us.
 *Talk about how we can keep ourselves safe and prevent ourselves getting hurt.

Specific Areas 

Literacy

*"Chop words up" asking your child what sounds they can hear.
 *Foster a love of books.
 *Talk about how information can be found in books and on computers.
 *Use alphabet pictures to help your child write the sounds that they hear.

Mathematics

*Work with your child to help them recognise the numbers 0-20.
 *Practise counting objects, touching or moving each object as you say the number.
 *Use language such as 'more' and 'fewer'.
 *Have a go at guessing the amount in a group of objects.

Understanding the World

*Encourage your child to talk about important events in their life, for example the birth of a sibling or moving house.
 *Look through photographs and talk about family memories.
 *Think about how people might be different and enjoy different things.
 *Encourage your child to be proud of your family

Expressive Arts and Design

*Begin to build a repertoire of songs and dances.
 *Explore different instruments.
 *Experiment with colours and textures.
 *Encourage children to represent the way they feel or something they have done and seen using different mediums. For

*When you feel your child is ready, try writing some simple sentences.

*Can your child tell you one more/one less than a given number?
*Talk about shapes and the names of shapes.
*Order objects in size, length, height.
*Talk to your child about time; how many days in a week, what does a minute feel like?

and your own customs and traditions.
*Look for patterns, for example bricks, bark, honeycombs.
*Talk how things change, for example how water can become ice.
*Develop an interest in plants and animals.
*Talk about how technology can help us to carry out tasks and think about what technology we have in our houses.

example, painting, making a model, singing or dancing.