

# Cherry Class Home Activities

## Activities to encourage 'Talk' and Learning through play – Part 6

Here are some are some more ideas of activities you could do when you are at home over the next two weeks. Please continue to up load and share activities or experiences onto Tapestry weekly. We look forward to seeing what you are doing and learning at home.

To encourage talk and communication:

- Try and talk about how you are feeling; it's been a very strange time and you're probably missing the routine of coming to Cherry and not seeing your friends.
- You could draw emotion faces happy, sad, angry and funny. Maybe ask an adult to help you cut features of faces from magazines and make some really silly pictures, we would love to see them.
- Look in a mirror, pull faces and make some loud noises.
- Have a look at 'The feelings song' by A J Jenkins on YouTube for some ideas and have a sing along. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UsISd1AMNYU>
- Another song is 'if you're happy and you know it.' We've sang this in Cherry lots of times.
- Have you looked at our book Walking through the Jungle? [https://www.google.com/search?q=walking+through+the+jungle&rlz=1C1GCEU\\_enG\\_B821GB821&oq=Walking+through+the+jungle&aqs=chrome.0.0j46l2j0l5.9847j0j8&s\\_ourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8](https://www.google.com/search?q=walking+through+the+jungle&rlz=1C1GCEU_enG_B821GB821&oq=Walking+through+the+jungle&aqs=chrome.0.0j46l2j0l5.9847j0j8&s_ourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8) Let us know if you like it.
- Have you looked at the new songs Walking in the Jungle and Animal Boogie? [Click here](#) There are also some other stories and songs you may like to look at here.

To encourage physical development:

- We hope you are still singing our favourite action songs Freeze Dance, Baby Shark, sleeping Bunnies and dancing along to them. Another song to sing is Lets go to the Zoo' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OwRmivbNgQk> with lots of actions to accompany it and 'Yes I can' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ir0Mc6Qilo> These songs will have you moving in very fun ways.
- When you go on a walk make a note of what you can see, hear, feel and smell. Collect some sticks, daisies and leaves etc. and make a collage face.
- Play some games with your family e.g. hide and seek, musical statues and chasing games. These will always bring a smile.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=He5Xu11HBkM> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=He5Xu11HBkM> is a penguin song by The Learning Station and is some much fun. You'll have to use your memory as there is a lot to remember.
- Have another look as cosmic yoga there are so many to choose from and one to suit everybody.

To encourage mathematical activities:

- Continue singing number songs 'Five currant buns' or 'Five Little Monkeys'. Use your fingers to show each number you sing.
- Ask an adult to hide something, then they have to give you clues to find it by using positional language (i.e. under, in, on, next to...). Then swap over roles.

- Ask an adult to say a number and then go and find items representing that number. Ask an adult to put a numbers 1-5 in the room or outside. The adult then says a number and you have to run to it.
- Play hide and seek and count 1-10 or even higher if you can.

To encourage creativity:

- Make some musical instruments using plastic pots and pasta, rice or maybe something you've found on your nature walks. Make loud or quiet noises. Use your instruments to go fast or slow. Use the ribbons on sticks, a spoon and a box to beat, a shaker or a homemade puppet, whatever you enjoy from the last activity sheet to create music and dance.
- Play, make noise and create music your instruments. Name the instruments you've made and talk about the differences in sound and how they're played.
- Don't forget to use simple props like old clothes, bags, dolls, toys, buckets and balls to help you experience dramatic play e.g. dressing up, packing a bag to go shopping, to work or camping.
- You could go on a sound hunt. Listen for load, soft, squeaky, rumbling sounds etc.

The website <https://www.wyfshome.com/> has been relaunched with more daily recommended activities for Nursery age children.

#### Hand washing

It is still important to continue to practise **washing your hands** thoroughly.  
To make it more fun watch the video – Happy Hands (Kids handwashing song)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMQBumkdQR0>

There is also a **story** about the importance of handwashing on the Literacy Trust website  
<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/birth-4/watch-i-dont-want-to-wash-my-hands-and-get-a-free-little-princess-book/>