

Cherry Class Home Activities

Activities to encourage 'Talk' and Learning through play – Part 5

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 upload 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 you could:

- A reminder of our current topic book 'Walking Through the Jungle' <https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x60eds3> Do you have a favourite animal in the book? Can you copy the sound it makes and the sounds of the other animals? Or maybe you have another favourite animal you would like to share with us.
- Sing Old MacDonald and sing about the animals in the book.
- 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.
- Perhaps you have a favourite animal book of your own at home, we would love to know what it is. Could you say a few lines from it that you remember and we could see it on Tapestry or you could make up your own animal story.

To encourage physical development, you could:

- Try and follow a children's dance tutorial online. This one is for 'The Jungle Book' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qXEgnJil2ss> . Or just play some music indoors or outdoors, and twist, turn, jump, dance like your favourite animal, or freestyle your way to fun.
- Do you like digging for treasure? Get you get an adult to hide small toys in sand or soil and enjoy discovering what has been hidden with your fingers or a small spoon.
- Gather up lots of sponges, a bowl of water for endless re soaking, and throw the sponges on a wall or on a cement surface to make designs. Sponges can also be used to paint too.
- I have found a new yoga programme for you its Jodi the Yogi Jungle adventure to tie in with our topic. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8iG-Q4v1Zjl>

To encourage mathematical activities, you could:

- Continue singing number songs and our new song Walking in the Jungle will help you to count to three, use your fingers to show each number you sing. Don't forget to walk forwards and backwards when the song tells you to.
- 'Walking Through the Jungle' has some beautiful patterns in the pictures can you name some and tell us your favourite.
- Ask an adult to provide you with a cup and two buckets (one smaller, one larger). Place the smaller bucket a short distance from the larger bucket and fill the larger bucket with water. Scoop water from the larger bucket and fill the smaller one. To make the game more challenging, put small holes in the cup or dance and move from bucket to bucket.
- Ask an adult to say a shape and then go and find as many things you can of that shape in the house. Alternatively, ask an adult to put a different shape in each corner of the room or outside. The adult then says a shape and you must run to that corner.
- Play hide and seek and count 1-10 or even higher if you can.

- You could do some more threading, but this time create a two-part pattern e.g. red, blue, red, blue etc.

To encourage creativity, you could:

- Keep a 'busy box' of recycled objects and materials for homemade toys and creative play e.g. crayons, stickers, empty food containers, paper plates, bottle lids, wrapping paper, egg cartons and ribbons. Make sure your 'busy bits' are safe.
- Use some props for dancing. These could be ribbons on sticks, a scarf, spoon and a box to beat, a shaker, or a homemade puppet, whatever you enjoy.
- Dress up and act out role play adventure. You can use simple props like old clothes, bags, dolls, toys, buckets and balls to help you have an imaginary experience, e.g. dressing up, packing a bag to go shopping, to work or camping.
- You could go on a sound hunt. Listen for loud, soft, squeaky, rumbling sounds etc.

Useful websites:

- The website www.eyfshome.com has been relaunched with more daily recommended activities for Nursery age children.
- Elsie's Story is an online story written for pre-school children to help to explain recent changes and experiences of lockdown in a child friendly way.
<http://www.elsiestayshome.com/>

It is still very important to continue to practise washing your hands thoroughly. Wash your hand this week to a different song, to the tune of '**wheels on the bus**'.

*The soap on your hands goes sud, sud, sud.
Sud, sud, sud.
Sud, sud, sud.
The soap on your hands goes sud, sud, sud.
And the germs go down the drain.*