

Activities to support Fine Motor & Concentration

- Weaving string or rope in/out of fence panels or plastic mesh
- Tweezers to pick up lentils, small dried pasta - drop them in a separate container
- Water painting - large paint brush dipped in water, use to paint fence or patio or bricks on house
- Building/combining parts - lego & other similar construction kits
- Board games - Snakes & Ladders, Ludo, Connect Four etc
- Jigsaw puzzles - as a shared activity
- Popping bubble wrap
- Dot-to-dot pictures
- Drawing around stencils & templates
- Tracing shapes & letters in sand or flour
- Threading pasta or other onto wool
- Cutting pictures out of magazines to make a collage
- Game - 'Tap Tap', involves a small wooden hammer and pins that can be hammered into a cork base
- Water colour painting
- A box of equipment to make an obstacle course outside (paper nearby so that instructions may be written for how to follow it)
- Play dough or salt dough - cutters and rollers
- A listening walk

Activities to support Writing

- Writing area - a cutlery tray or box to store zigzag books, notebooks. Paper, pencils, scissors, stapler etc to encourage book making and writing - small table & chair or stool to encourage sitting to write
- Whiteboard, drywipe marker & board rubber to encourage writing
- Writing a 'to do' or shopping list
- Fridge magnets - letters or words
- Treasure hunt with written clues and instructions to follow
- Homemade crosswords
- Postcards & letters to family & friends
- Writing a book review of a favourite story
- Writing instructions for others to follow

Activities to support Phonics

- Select 5 sounds and lay them on the table - say a word (that either has that sound at the start or in the middle of the word, ask your child to identify the correct sound ie 's' for sun or 'oa' in boat)
- Play pairs or snap with 5 or 6 sounds - your child to name the sounds
- Ask your child to put tricky or HFW's into a sentence

- Draw a picture ie 'river', ask your child to identify what it is and to attempt to write the word.
- Write a word and ask your child to draw in sound buttons
- 'I'm thinking of a word' game
- Make words using fridge magnet letters
- Sounds treasure hunt

Activities to support Reading

- Shared reading - with parent, grandparent or sibling
- Reading books from the library - poetry, plays & non-fiction as well as fiction
- Reading & sharing favourite books & comics
- Eye spy, I can make a word using number plate of car in front and other games on a car journey
- One day I.... 1 person to start the story with the first sentence and the other to continue with the second sentence, back to the first person etc
- Reading letters, e-mail sent by family or friends
- Listen to an audio story and follow the words in the book
- Listen to stories on the Internet

Activities to support Maths

- Use a number line to play simple guessing games
- Use a 100 square to find missing numbers, play 'what number is 1 /10 more or less
- Play 'I'm thinking of a number'
- Board games involving dice and counting
- Card games
- Battleships
- Look at door numbers in your street - notice odd & even numbers
- Add or take away numbers on a number plate while on a car journey
- Bingo
- Involve a clock face & telling the time in your daily routine
- Following a recipe to weigh out ingredients using scales.
- Ordering socks on the washing line - find pairs or order longest to shortest
- Make some juice in a measuring jug and pour half or a full amount into a glass
- Make a magic potion recipe and measuring out correct quantities into a measuring jug
- Notice 2D & 3D shapes at home or on a walk - name them & talk about their properties