

Sunshine Activity Ideas - 27th April 2020

Hi all,

Hope you are doing well and finding ways to keep busy! Also that you are managing to get out and about a little bit, in this nice weather, even though you can't meet up with friends as you normally would..

Here are a few more life-cycles and mini-beasts activity ideas for you to try, and don't forget to send any photos of things you have made!

I've included some 'Nature Detectives' sheets from Majella, some life-cycles sheets and a PowerPoint from a resources site that we use, called Twinkl..enjoy!

I found this quick, one bowl mix-and-bake cake on a healthy kids baking website..
am going to try it myself!

Blueberry Tea Cake

Ingredients

- 1 cup wholemeal self raising flour
- ¼ cup coconut sugar or brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp vanilla extractor vanilla essence
- 3 tbsps melted coconut oil
- ½ cup almond milk
- ½ cup blueberries

Instructions

1. In a bowl mix the melted coconut oil and the coconut sugar together, mix in the egg, vanilla and almond milk into the bowl. Whisk together until well combined.
2. Add in the flour and continue to mix well, then fold through the blueberries
3. Put cake batter into a loaf pan (I used a silicone loaf pan)
4. Bake at 175 degrees until cooked (around 30min)
5. Let the cake cool before cutting.



Some minibeast crafts made with paper plates..hopefully you can still get these in your local corner shop!



Two clever ways to make spiders!



Colour experiments from Aurkene..in Spanish too!

What happens if we mix these colours together..? <https://youth.be/hGwG-GZEfw>



Blue + yellow = ?
(Azul + Amarillo)



Blue + red = ?
(Azul + rojo)



Red + yellow = ?
(Rojo + amarillo)

Some more suggestions from the government publication 'Hungry Little Minds'

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>



Lingumi - Kids' English

Lingumi provides a course focused on spoken and communicative English. The app provides sets of learning games, speech recognition games and video-based games to help the child grow their grammar and get them speaking their first words.

Age: 2-5

Platform: [Apple](#), [Android](#)

Kaligo

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Kaligo is a digital handwriting exercise book designed to teach children how to write using a stylus and tablet, built on an AI machine learning platform. A self-paced approach enables children to progress at their own speed according to their own ability, whilst AI Machine learning provides real-time corrective feedback.

Age: 3-5

Platform: [Apple](#), [Android](#)

Weekly Challenge: Storytelling

a) For all ages: can you build a storytelling cubby? Having a cosy space to share books and stories can make it an even more special bonding time. For ideas see:

<https://publicdocumentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/Documents/0-4-years-Build-a-cubby-Learning-at-home.pdf>

b) For ages 2 and up: 'Helicopter' stories! (this challenge is for adults as much as children!)

'Helicopter stories' is a simple process that we sometimes use at nursery, where the adult writes down the child's story, word for word (this could be just a couple of sentences, or a full page or more!) - you can do this within your cubby! When the story is written, mark out a stage on the floor, and an adult narrates the story, with different children (and any other family members available!) acting out the different characters.

For more details on 'helicopter stories' see:

<https://www.makebelievearts.co.uk/helicopterstorieslettingimaginationfly>

and for how it can and has been done with 2 year olds: <https://www.makebelievearts.co.uk/working-with-two-year-olds>

This process helps children's confidence as they see their ideas come to fruition, their interest in writing as they see the power of the written word, and their imagination, vocabulary and understanding of story structures will develop very quickly. Try it a few times and see how your child's stories develop over time!

You can find out more information and get more ideas and activities to do with your child from the following websites:

- [Small Talk](#) – ideas and activities from the National Literacy Trust.
- [I CAN](#) – for more information about children’s communication.
- [A Better Start](#) – for more information about building young brains.
- [NSPCC](#) provides free ‘brain-building tips’ for children.
- [Bilingualism Matters](#) provides information about children learning more than one language.
- [Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists](#) can provide support if you’re worried about your child’s speech and language development.

If you have still more paper plates spare..a great hoop game from Maureen..and a good idea for some cup cake cases too, maybe with raisins, grapes, marbles etc..with tongs, which is really good for hand strength and co-ordination!



Finally..some links you might like..

How to make papier mache

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/lifestyle/break-time/how-to-make-paper-mache/ar-BB11VkO3?ocid=ientp>

This is a jelly fish made with bubble wrap :

<https://www.gluedtomycraftsblog.com/2016/05/paper-plate-bubble-wrap-jelly-fish-kid-craft.html>

More bubble wrap craft ideas

<https://www.momentwithmandi.com/25-bubble-wrap-crafts-and-activities-kids-will-love/>