

Here are some learning activities you could do together over the next couple of days. We have tried to think of things that are easy to do at home, inside, with minimal resources and that are open ended so all ages and abilities can access them. You could also read, mark make/write and practice number facts/counting but here are some other ideas to try:

Creative activities

Frozen painting

- Freeze paint mixed with a little water around lolly sticks.
- Children “paint” as the ice melts.

Bubble foam

- Mix washing up liquid, water and food colouring with a hand mixer to create thick, colourful foam

Recycling bin masterpieces

- Raid your recycling bin, give it a good wash and see what you can make with some glue or tape. Maybe you could make robots, vehicles or castles?

Understanding the world

Shadow fun

- Make hand shadows near a window.
- Trace toy shadows on paper.

Sink or float

- Bowl of water plus household objects:
• spoon • leaf • toy car • cork • sponge

Ice and water play

- Freeze small toys in ice and let children rescue them with warm water, spoons, or toy tools.
- Coloured ice cubes (food colouring in water) for painting on paper outdoors or on trays.
- Pouring station with cups, jugs, funnels, and spoons.

Summer sensory tray ideas

- Ice cubes • Water • Slices of lemon/orange (if available)
- Shells • Plastic animals • Scoops and cups

Language and Literacy

Story cave

- Build a den with blankets and pillows in a cool room. • Read favourite books with a torch.

Teddy bear picnic indoors

- Lay a blanket on the floor in the coolest room.
- Children can invite toys, count plates/cups, and talk about favourite foods.

Frozen scavenger hunt

- Hide small objects around the house and give clues:
• “Find something soft” • “Find something blue”
• “Find something colder than your hand”

Maths

Bubble activities

- Blow bubbles and count how many children can pop.
- Try “catch a bubble without popping it”.

Loose parts sorting

- Use everyday items like buttons, bottle caps and dried pasta and try sorting them in different ways. Look at size, shape and colour.

Patterns and shapes hunt

- Go on a hunt around your home and look for different shapes and patterns that you spot