

Engagement Materials

Subject or Topic	Short Description	Web site address and any login information	Age group most suitable for
Red Ted Art	Easy arts and crafts	https://www.redtedart.com/	
The Imagination Tree	Creative Art and Craft Activities	https://theimaginationtree.com/	
Toy theater	Brilliant educational online games – not that its ‘theater’ not ‘theatre’!	http://toytheater.com/	
DK find out	Like an online encyclopaedia with wonderful photos	https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/	
The Artful Parent	Great art ideas and resources	https://artfulparent.com/	
Twinkl	Educational worksheets, games, powerpoints – used by all teachers for all abilities. Offering a free month’s membership to parents at the moment	https://www.twinkl.co.uk/	
Cbeebies radio	Bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio – website also has lots of games, activities etc	https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio	
Nature Detectives	Lots of outdoor fun for the garden or woodland/forest	http://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/	
British Council	Resources for English Language learning	https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/find	
Prodigy Maths	Primary maths	https://sso.prodigygame.com/	
Paw Print Badges	Fun Challenge packs on different subjects with lots of good ideas, with badges to collect	https://www.pawprintbadges.co.uk/challenge-packs-6-c.asp	
Top Marks	Great interactive computer site	https://www.topmarks.co.uk/	

BBC bitesize	Learning from age 3 up	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary	
Crash course kids	Youtube channel for learning	https://www.youtube.com/user/crashcoursekids	
Phonics play	Interactive phonics and colouring	https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/	
Teachers Pet	Loads of resources	https://tpet.co.uk/downloads/tag/days-of-the-week/	
Best ideas for kids	Similar to twinkl – lots of learning resources	https://www.thebestideasforkids.com/	
Poisson Rouge	Family membership £10 – fabulous interactive – easy for kids to navigate around on their own	https://www.poissonrouge.com/	
Horrible Histories	History for kids of all ages	https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/horrible-histories	
Super Simple	Activities, songs, games	https://supersimple.com/	
Phonics	Jolly Phonics activities.	https://www.jollylearning.co.uk	EYFS
Number	Number mathematical development	https://www.numberblocks.tv	EYFS
Phonics	Phonics	https://www.alphablocks.tv	EYFS
Oxford reading tree E Books for free.	Reading books online. Maths and literacy activities.	http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/	EYFS and all ages.
Maths and literacy games.	Maths and literacy games	http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Early-Years.html	EYFS
Phonics Bloom	Excellent site with interactive phonics activities.	https://www.phonicsbloom.com/	
Family Learning.org	All the games and activities on the site are designed to help children (and parents) learn while having fun.	http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics_games.html	

Northern Grid	Sen-switcher – a suite of programs for PMLD. And some other great resources.		PMLD
Learning games for kids	Lots of learning games, divided into age and abilities. Covers vocabulary, geography, literature and maths.	https://www.learninggamesforkids.com/	
NRICH	https://nrich.maths.org/early-years https://thebridgeschool.org.uk/files/curriculum/the-box-game-adding-and-subtracting.pdf?680249cb25 https://thebridgeschool.org.uk/files/curriculum/show-me-cardinal-numbers.pdf?9b70acff1c	Links to useful documents & articles for EYFS.	
Daily Schedule	https://thebridgeschool.org.uk/files/curriculum/ideas-for-daily-schedule.pdf?b9ddd5f5d4 Daily Schedule – click to follow the link...	Make a daily schedule to help your child know what needs to happen each day.	
Craft Ideas	Craft Ideas – click to follow the link...	Things to create.	
Phase 2 CVC matching	Phase 2 CVC matching – click to follow the link...	Encourage your child to read each word and match it to the picture.	
Pencil Control worksheet	Pencil control worksheet – click to follow the link...	Trace over the lines and colour them in.	
Edible slime recipe	Edible Slime for sensory activities – click to follow the link...	Edible slime for sensory activities.	
Sensory recipes	Sensory Recipes – click to follow the link...	Sensory activities made with edible materials	
Feelings & emotions cards	https://thebridgeschool.org.uk/files/curriculum/feelings-and-emotions-cards.pdf?2e61c3fe94 Ways to use the Feelings and Emotion Cards – click to follow the link...	Print off to use with your child.	
Play ideas	Play ideas – click to follow the link...	Some play ideas for you and your child.	

101 Play ideas	https://childhood101.com/101 ways to play outdoors – click to follow the link...	101 ways to play outdoors
Phonics play	https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/	Learning games for phonics
IXL maths	https://uk.ixl.com/math/reception	10 maths questions per day (or can subscribe)
Fun with spot	https://www.funwithspot.com/	Games and downloads
Recipes	http://theautismhelper.com/summer-treats-snacks-visual-recipes/	Visual card recipes

Daily Schedule

Make a daily schedule to help your child (and you) know what needs to happen each day.

Maybe give them things they can take responsibility for and reward them for doing so.

Use the symbols on the attached pages to help or make up your own.

MY JOBS to do...

TODAY IS: _____

Morning

- MAKE BED 
- GET DRESSED 
- COMB HAIR 
- EAT BREAKFAST 
- BRUSH TEETH 
- GIVE A HUG! 

Bed Time

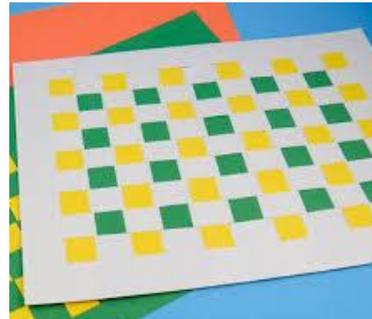
- BATH AND PJS TIME 
- BRUSH TEETH 
- CLEAN ROOM 
- STORY TIME 
- BED TIME 
- GOOD NIGHT KISS 

Craft Ideas

Paper weaving

Steps

1. Cut paper into the desired shape and size of your paper weave picture.
2. Fold the paper in half.
3. Cut slits. ...
4. Unfold the paper. ...
5. Cut coloured paper strips. ...
6. Weave the first strip. ...
7. Weave the second strip. ...
8. Weave the rest of the strips
9. Make into table mats or other items



Scissor Skills

The activity - Scissor Skills

In a nutshell - Time for some serious fine motor skill development. Draw different shapes on pieces of paper and show children how to follow them with scissors. Start with simple lines and move on to more complex forms like squares.

What you need -

- Child-friendly Scissors
- Colourful Paper
- Marker Pens



Paper Chain Caterpillar

In a nutshell - You might remember this craft from Christmas decorating time, but here you're making cute bugs that fit the summery scenery better. This repetitive activity is not only engaging but also relaxing.

What you need -

- Paper in Two or Three Colours
- Marker Pen
- Wiggly Eyes (Optional)
- Scissors, Glue

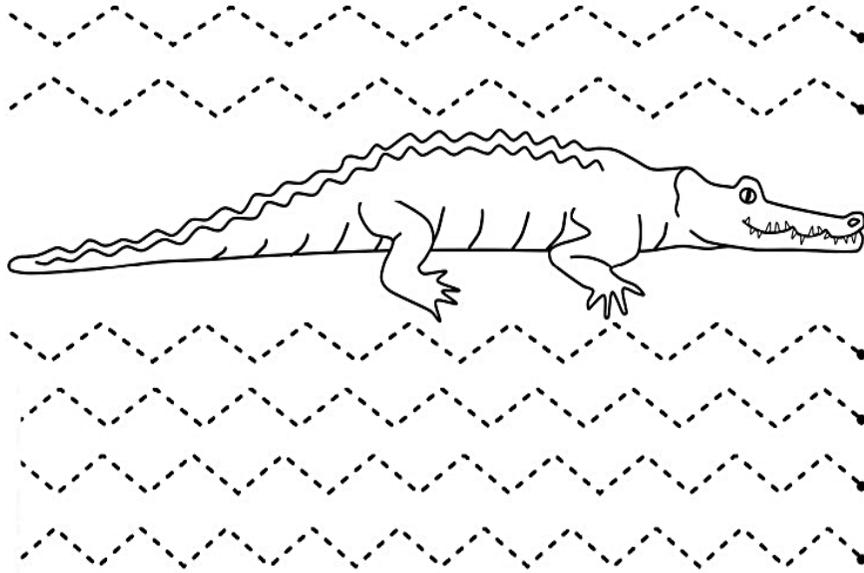
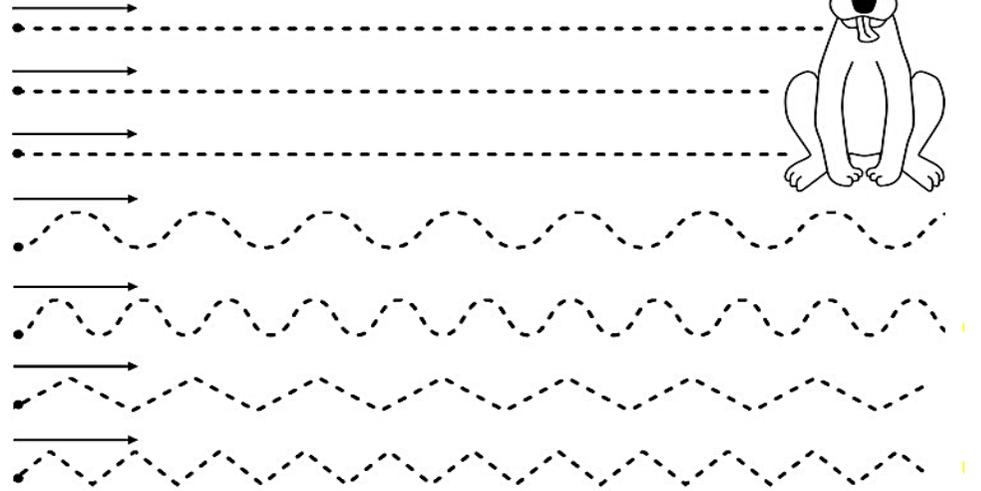
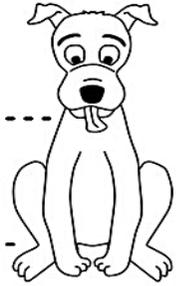


Phase 2 CVC matching

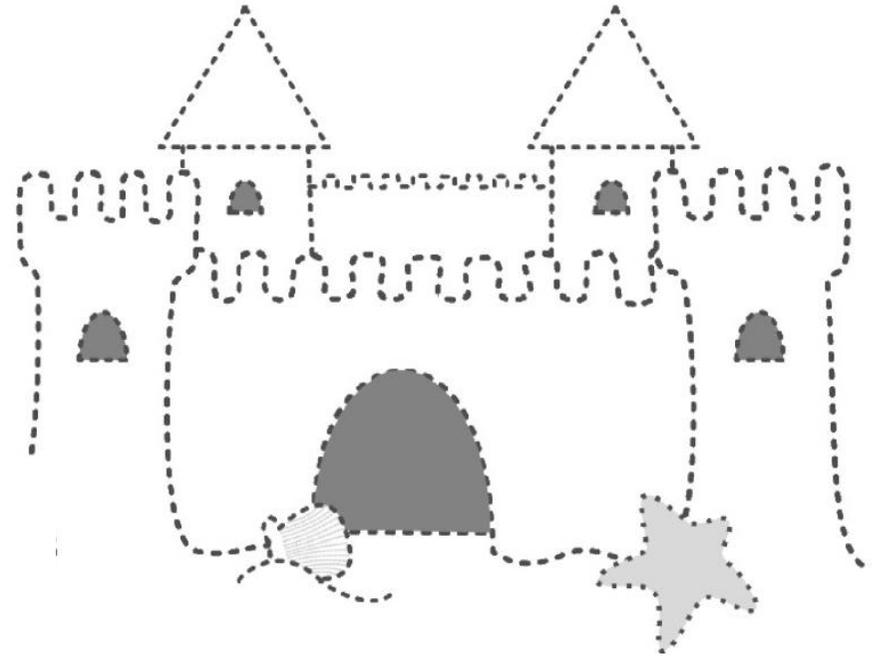
Cut up the words and pictures and then encourage your child to read each word and match it to the picture.

sit		tap	
pin		dog	
pot		tin	
mat		man	
map		pan	

Pencil control worksheet

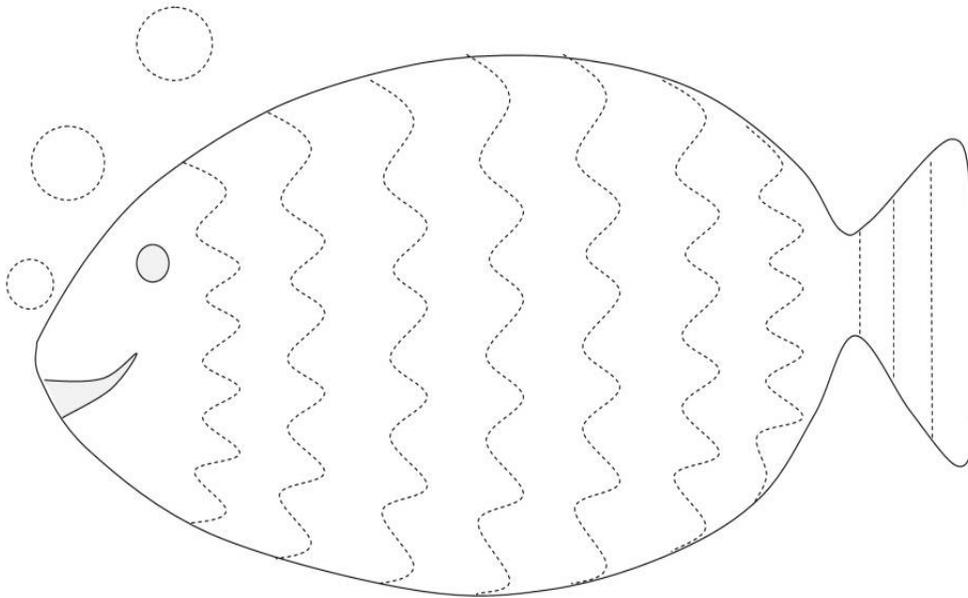


Trace over the sandcastle and colour it in.



Pencil Control - Fish

Trace over the fish and patterns. Colour it in.



Edible Slime for sensory activities

Microwaving Marshmallow Slime

- *1 cup (50 g) mini-marshmallows*
- *2 tablespoons (30 ml) vegetable or coconut oil*
- *2 tablespoons (16 g) icing sugar*
- *2 tablespoons (25 g) cornflour*
- *1 tablespoon (10 g) sprinkles, optional*
- *4 to 5 drops of food colouring, optional*

Makes 1 batch of slime

1. Put the mini-marshmallows and oil in a bowl. Measure 1 cup (50 g) of mini-marshmallows into a microwave-safe bowl. Pour 2 tablespoons (30 ml) of vegetable or liquid coconut oil over the marshmallows.
2. Microwave the marshmallows for 10 seconds at a time until they melt. Put the bowl with the oiled marshmallows into the microwave. Heat the marshmallows for 10 seconds and then stir the marshmallows. Keep heating the marshmallows for 10 seconds at a time until the marshmallows are sticky and melted.
Use caution when stirring the hot marshmallows.
3. Stir 4 to 5 drops of food colouring into the marshmallows. If you'd like to tint the edible slime a colour, add 4 to 5 drops of food colouring to the bowl. Stir the sticky marshmallows until the colour is completely mixed in.
Add more food colouring if you want a brighter coloured slime.
4. Combine the icing sugar and cornflour on a plate. Set a large plate on the counter and put 2 tablespoons (16 g) of icing sugar and 2 tablespoons (25 g) of cornflour on it. Mix them together with a spoon.
5. Transfer the marshmallows to the plate and mix it. Scoop the marshmallows onto the cornflour and icing sugar mixture on the plate. Once the marshmallows are cool enough to touch, use your hands to knead the slime until it's easy to handle.
6. Mix in sprinkles, if desired. If you'd like to make even more colourful slime, mix 1 tablespoon (10 g) of sprinkles into the marshmallow slime.
7. Use and store the marshmallow slime for up 5 days. Play with your edible slime and store it in an airtight container or bag in the refrigerator. Use it within 5 days or it will become too hard to play with.

Sensory Recipes

Gummy Bear Slime

- 1 cup (200 g) gummy bears
- 2 tablespoons (25 g) cornflour
- 1 tablespoon (8 g) icing sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoon (7.4 ml) vegetable or coconut oil

Makes 1 batch of slime

1. Microwave the gummy bears for 30 seconds. Put 1 cup (200 g) of gummy bears into a microwave-safe bowl and heat them for 30 seconds.[8]
If you want your slime to be a bright colour, use gummy bears that are the same colour instead of a variety.
2. Stir and microwave the gummy bears for 10 second intervals. Carefully stir the hot gummy bears and heat them for another 10 seconds if they haven't melted. Continue to stir and heat the gummy bears for 10 second intervals until they're smooth.
Stirring will also help the melted gummy bears cool once they've melted.
3. Mix the cornflour and icing sugar on a plate. Measure 2 tablespoons (25 g) of cornflour and 1 tablespoon (8 g) of icing sugar onto a large plate. Mix them until they're combined and set aside half of the mixture.
4. Pour the melted gummy bears onto the plate and let it cool. Leave the gummy bear mixture until it's cool enough to touch.
5. Mix the gummy mixture into the cornflour and icing sugar. Use your hands to knead the gummy bears into the dry ingredients. The slime won't be as sticky once you incorporate the dry ingredients. Knead in the rest of the reserved icing sugar and cornflour.
6. Knead $\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoon (7.4 ml) of vegetable or coconut oil into the slime. Pour the oil onto the gummy slime and use your hands to mix it in. You should notice the slime become stretchier.
7. Play with the gummy bear slime. As soon as the slime is as goopy as you like, you can play with it. If it starts to harden, stick it in the microwave and heat it for 10 to 30 seconds.
Avoid reheating the slime more than once and don't store it because it will harden very quickly.

Sensory Activities made with edible materials (but not nec made for a snack!!)

Edible Sand

*1/2 C. Corn meal/ semolina,
1/2 C. Flour
1 T. Oil
1 T. Corn Syrup/ Golden syrup
Small sand toys (optional)*

Directions:

1. Mix the dry ingredients together.
2. Stir the oil in. Next stir in the corn syrup. Adjust amount as needed, you want the sand to feel grainy and crumble under pressure, but also be mould-able and hold shape if squeezed for sandcastle building. The sand wasn't sticky to touch.
3. Let kiddos play. We used small little scoops to make our sandcastles. We filled them up with our sand, packed it down, and then turned it over and tapped the bottom until our sandcastle came out. Almost as good as being on the beach!

Edible Spaghetti Sensory Play

Start by cooking your spaghetti as normal. Drain it, blitz it with cold water, add 1tbsp of vegetable oil and mix that in. This helps the spaghetti stay non-sticky and allows the food colouring to stick to it better. When it's cool, add your choice of food colouring and mix in well until all the spaghetti is covered.

This can be played with straight away or you can cover it with cling film and keep in the fridge until you would like your children to play with it. Add bowls, spoons and any plastic animals to create even more interest and longevity to playtime. Depending on what has been added to the spaghetti, you could cover it up and use it again within a couple of days for more fun!

Edible Paint

There are lots of different ways to make edible paint that is safe for babies and younger toddlers. Plain yoghurt and food colouring, plain yoghurt and mashed up blueberries/strawberries or sugar, water and food colouring... but, I have always used my recipe of flour, water and food colouring. The texture it provides is gloopy, almost slimy, and is great for painting hands and feet with!

To make it yourself, use 2 cups of flour to 1 cup of water and whisk. It is important to whisk it, as it gives it a much smoother consistency which works better for painting. If you find it's too dry, slowly add more water. If it's too gooey, add more flour and keep experimenting until you're happy with the texture. This recipe will make one batch of paint so create more batches for different colours. Add 1/2 tsp of food colouring to each batch and stir well until all the colour is mixed in.

This type of edible paint only lasts 1-2 days, so be prepared to either use it straight away after making it or keep it in the fridge in an airtight container and use it the next day. Once played with, any leftover edible paint will need to be thrown in the bin.

Ways to use the Feelings and Emotion Cards

1. Making Faces

Place a set of cards face down on a stack. Turn over the top card. Have your child name the emotion and make a face to match.

2. Guess the Emotion

Spread out a set of cards face up. Take turns to choose a card but don't tell the other players which you have chosen. Make a face and see if the other players can guess which card you chose.

3. The Way I Feel Story Game

Spread out a set of cards face up. Take turns to choose a card but don't tell the other players which you have chosen. Tell a short story about a time you felt like that and see if the other players can guess which card you chose.

5. Story Emotions

Lay out 3-4 cards. Using a small figurine, tell a short story about the toy. For example - "Peppa's balloon popped." Ask your child to put the figurine on the card that shows how Peppa would feel if this happened.

6. Positives and Negatives

Sort a set of cards into positive and negative emotions. Discuss why each emotion has been put in the nominated group. [Remember no emotion is actually negative. All emotions are there to inform us of something!]

7. Supporting Our Friend's Emotions

Choose an emotion that someone might find difficult and talk about ways to speak to and support them.

Play ideas

Have a bath - bubbles optional! • **Go for a walk** • **Make a fresh batch of playdough** • **Put on your favourite music and dance** • **Draw on my back and I'll guess what you're drawing** • **Draw with chalk on the pavement** • **Perform a puppet show** • **Cut out magazine pictures to make a funny collage** • **Make a cubby house from blankets** • **Play a board game** • **Create an obstacle course** • **Listen to an audio story** • **Get threading or try simple sewing** • **Make a paper chain as long as your house** • **Play hopscotch or skittles** • **Make mud pies** • **Create a magical land** • **Make a box car or boat, train or plane** • **Pull weeds or rake leaves** • **Wash your bike or dolls or the car** • **Go on a treasure hunt** • **Bake a cake** • **Dress up** • **Read a book** • **Go for a swim** • **Play a guessing game** • **Visit a new park** • **Make up a game with a blown up balloon** • **Have a running race or a wheelbarrow race or 3-legged race** • **Ride your bike or scooter** • **Make a milkshake or banana split!** • **Visit the library** • **Climb a tree** • **Play a card game or build a house of cards** • **Play hide and seek** • **Draw around your body and decorate it** • **Build a sandcastle** • **Blow bubbles** • **Have a picnic in the backyard** • **Create a crown or superhero mask** • **Kick a ball** • **Play shops or restaurants** • **Take an indoor toy outdoors** • **Take photos or a video** • **Do a jigsaw puzzle** • childhood101.com

101 ways to play outdoors

1. Play leapfrog
2. Jump rope
3. Climb a tree
4. Build a fort
5. Play hide and seek
6. Kick a ball
7. Make a rainbow with the hose
8. Pull weeds
9. Ride a bike or scooter or horse
10. Create a nature collage
11. Build a sand castle
12. Head out on a treasure hunt
13. Roll down a hill
14. Make a bug hotel
15. Balance along a wall
16. Throw a frisbee
17. Balance a bean bag on your head
18. Have an egg and spoon race
19. Hug a tree
20. Create patterns in damp sand
21. Make story stones
22. Paint a fence with water
23. Make texture rubbings with crayons
24. Swing your hips in a hula hoop
25. Make a rain gauge
26. Play tag
27. Draw something you can see
28. Jump in a puddle

29. Play hopscotch
30. Draw on the trampoline (or the footpath) with chalk
31. Read a book
32. Catch raindrops on your tongue
33. Make a set of stilts from tin cans
34. Have a game of marbles
35. Or elastics
36. Enjoy breakfast outside
37. Rake leaves
38. Set up a worm farm
39. Decorate mud pies
40. Run under the sprinkler
41. Paint the outside of a window
42. Make a daisy chain
43. Start a nature journal
44. Lie in a hammock
45. Toast marshmallows
46. Find 10 things to float in a tub of water
47. Write in the sand with a stick
48. Press flowers
49. Make a pinwheel
50. Make a stick sculpture
51. Make a pet rock
52. Try leaf printing
53. Draw around a shadow on the ground
54. Plant vegetables and herbs
55. Grow a bean or sunflower teepee
56. Take photos of what you see
57. Have a 3 legged race

58. Or a wheelbarrow race
59. Gaze at the stars
60. Set up a lemonade stand
61. Paint with feathers
62. Decorate a tree
63. Create a home for a fairy (or an elf)
64. Make a tin can telephone
65. Enjoy a teddy bears picnic
66. Make a drip castle with wet sand
67. Write a letter on a leaf
68. Fly a kite
69. Make up a new game
70. Put on a show
71. Grab a magnifying glass go bug hunting
72. Try a somersault or a handstand or a cartwheel
73. Watch a sunset
74. Spin and get dizzy
75. Start a collection
76. Float a paper boat
77. Make a cave for a dinosaur
78. Wash the dog
79. Wash the car
80. Create a small world for your favourite figurines
81. Make a sundial
82. Host a paper plane flying contest
83. Blow bubbles
84. Dance and sing
85. Make your name from sticks
86. Make a road for toy cars

87. Play torch tag
88. Build a compost bin
89. Throw water balloons
90. Make object impressions in air dry clay
91. Put on a cape and fly
92. Grow a grass head
93. Make a bird bath
94. And a bird feeder
95. Make petal perfume
96. Dig for treasure
97. Make a leaf crown
98. Hang laundry
99. Draw a map of your space
100. Set up a snail race
101. Lie back on the grass and look for shapes in the clouds