

Creative activities

There are lots of art and craft ideas on websites such as *Pinterest*. Acorn class particularly enjoy junk modelling which can be a great way to use up left over card and food containers. Children could make simple shakers to add music to their singing, their favourite vehicle or character, the possibilities are endless! It also doesn't have to be complicated – imagination is key! They could also make their own props to support roleplay for example setting up a shop and making a till or money out of boxes or milk tops or a superhero den.

<https://www.netmums.com/activities/top-junk-modelling-ideas-for-kids/>



Acorn Class

Learning From Home



WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE ANYTHING YOU DO UPLOADED ONTO TAPESTRY

Maths

Maths is better when it is fun and practical! A great to explore both number and shape and space is through cooking. Making playdough is also really fun and can be played with for up to a week if kept in a lunch box. You can also do lots of counting with playdough afterwards for example making everybody a playdough cake – how many will you need? How many cherries have you made to put on top? Also a great resource for making props for acting out counting songs for example 5 currant buns, 5 little monkeys, 5 little ducks.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/playdough-recipe>

Counting rhymes and songs are great to practise counting in order. Encourage children to play games where they can count objects for example making a register for their teddies to come to school and counting how many there are.



Communication and language

Singing and practising nursery rhymes is great for listening and communications skills. There are lots on *you tube* but it's also great to sing them yourselves at home – either learn a new one or make up some of your own! Here are some great websites with lots of traditional nursery rhymes: <http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/songs>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/curations/nursery-rhymes>



Religious Education



Learning about the Easter story. Children could make Easter cards, or even bake hot cross buns or make them from playdough.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religious-studies-ks1-the-christian-story-of-easter/zhgv47h>

Literacy



Reading stories with children is one of the best ways to support their literacy development. This can be story books or making up stories to tell is also great fun! Writing down stories that children make up themselves is also really fun as they can be read back and even acted out! It's a great way to model writing for children and then they could draw pictures of their favourite parts of stories. A few stories that we have been really enjoying recently that could be found on *you tube* are *Sam and Dave Dig A Hole*, *Ten Terrible Dinosaurs* and the *Oi Frog* series by Kes Gray. Children could also write letters or pictures for their friends in acorns by uploading them to tapestry and then I can tag the children so they can see and respond to each other's work.



Phonics

In nursery, phonics activities aim to develop listening skills to support future reading and writing skills. We have been working lots on hearing and saying the initial sounds in words. For example hearing that first sound in bus is 'b.' 'I spy' is a great way to practise this. Below are links to some documents and websites that have ideas for games that cover phase 1 of phonics which nursery focuses on.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqhXUW_v-1s
<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/whats-behind-the-door?phase=1#>

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-1-games.html>

Understanding the world - There are lots of ways you can access science easily at home. For example, making playdough, freezing liquid in different containers and exploring melting. There are lots of other ideas that use household items on Pinterest:

[https://www.pinterest.co.uk/search/pins/?rs=ac&len=2&q=science%20at%20home%20for%20kids&eq=science%20at%20home&tslf=7850&term_meta\[\]=science%20at%20home%20for%20kids%7Cautocomplete%7C0](https://www.pinterest.co.uk/search/pins/?rs=ac&len=2&q=science%20at%20home%20for%20kids&eq=science%20at%20home&tslf=7850&term_meta[]=science%20at%20home%20for%20kids%7Cautocomplete%7C0)