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Babies

Tummy time OUTSIDE: encourage your baby to enjoy tummy time using mirrors and laying them down on different textures such as a fluffy rug, soft duvet, silky scarf. Put them on a soft blanket in the shade and let them enjoy the sensation of being outside. The light/contrast of light and dark under the leaves of a tree can hold their attention for ages. Perhaps blow some bubbles for them, you can use washing up liquid if you can't get to the shops

Water play OUTSIDE: put some toys in a shallow bowl and fill with a small amount of water and encourage your baby to splash. The different sounds and light from the water being outside will captivate your baby

Fretful baby? Cuddle them in their favourite position and make a phone call to someone you can talk to for a while. Hold your baby, walk around and chat, the movement and sound of your voice can help them to calm down

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Toddlers



Toy Drop: Tape toilet roll/kitchen roll tubes to a wall/radiator with a cereal box at the bottom and let them drop small toys through. Try lining the tubes up at different angles

Draw around your child's toys on a blank piece of paper when they aren't looking. Pop all the toys in pile/tub and get them to match the toy to the outline! Easy and keeps them busy for ages. Good for preschoolers too, just use more complicated shapes/toys





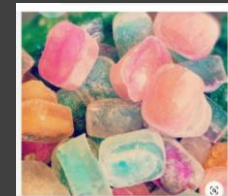
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Pre Schoolers

Ideas to keep your busy little people happy

ICE ICE BABY!!!

You will need a day to prepare this activity but it will keep your child busy for ages.



Make some ice cubes, use ice cube trays, bags, fill any containers, cups etc with water and freeze so you have different size ice blocks. You can add food colouring, glitter, paint, small toys, toy animals, pom poms. Once everything has frozen, put them in a tub or empty toy box. Maybe outside if you have space. If not, use the bath! Everything will melt at a different rate. Let them pour on warm water to help "free" any toys trapped in the ice.



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Ideas to keep them learning

Make Post It Notes your best friend! Write letters, numbers, words on notes and stick to a wall or around the home. Ask your child to get all the letters of their name, words that start with "s", particular numbers etc. The ideas go on and on, make sure to give your child lots of praise for collecting the correct post it and for trying. If you have outdoor space, you could do a similar game using paper to stick to fences, trees too.

Make paper planes and see how high/fast/far they can fly

Make a fairy garden, using a baking tray and foil, add soil, little rocks, twigs, glitter etc to create a tiny garden for fairies



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online resources

Ideas to keep them learning and busy

TV Shows to help educate

Netflix: The Magic School

StoryBots

Sky: Ocean Rescue: Dive In & Do It

Amazon Prime: Horrible Science

Great Greek Myths

YouTube: Horrible Histories

Operation Ouch

SkyKids App: Interactive art, quizzes, phonics, coding & maths

Carol Vorderman: [themathsfactor.com](https://www.themathsfactor.com) This will be free until schools reopen

Lego website: Kid Zone. Lots of games and creation games



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Print Out & Use

Ideas to keep them learning and busy

The following activity sheets have been created by staff and volunteers to help you and your family during this difficult time. Please print out and enjoy. They will be updated each week so be sure to keep checking!

Scavenger Hunt Week 3



A cat



A bird



Listen for music



A house that looks like yours



A dog having a walk



A letterbox



A bee



A picture of a rainbow



CA butterfly



A tree

Scavenger Hunt Week 2

RAINBOW SCAVENGER HUNT

primary playground

-  Find something red.
-  Find something yellow.
-  Find something orange.
-  Find something green.
-  Find something blue.
-  Find something purple.
-  Name a fruit that is red.
-  Name an animal that is yellow.
-  Name a vegetable that is orange.
-  Name a plant that is green.
-  Name a flower that is purple.
-  Name something outside that is blue.



Scavenger Hunt Week 1

- ☐ Something fluffy
- ☐ Something made from wood
- ☐ Something shiny
- ☐ Something that you love
- ☐ Something that begins with "B"
- ☐ Something tiny
- ☐ Something that smells nice
- ☐ Something with wheels
- ☐ Something red
- ☐ Something smooth



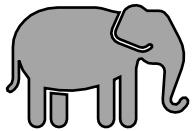
Animal Work Out



FROG: Hop and leap back and forth like a frog



GORILLA: Sink into a low squat, knuckles on floor and shuffle around the room



ELEPHANT: March on the spot, knees as high as you can, stomping the floor



CRAB: Sit, place palms on floor behind you, crawl side ways



SNAKE: Lie on your tummy and slither on the floor