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Babies

While the weather is set to be awful this week, get cosy with your baby and explore different textures. Find items of clothing, towels, blankets that are silky, fluffy, smooth etc. Use them as play mats for toy or tummy time. If your baby can hold toys, put them just out of reach to encourage them to move and get the toys. As they move they will enjoy the different textures they are sitting or laying on.

Turn off household noise and let your baby enjoy the sound of the rain. Hold them close to a window and let them watch the rain drops

Make rainmakers: fill small bottles or containers with dried rice, tape shut the lid and slowly tip the rain maker from side to side

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Toddlers

Ball Target Shoot

Balance balls on top of toilet roll tubes, kitchen roll tubes or pringle cans. Wash old spray bottles and fill with water. Use the water spray to knock the balls off. If you have older children you could put scores on the tubes, or letters and get them to target specific balls to win highest score or spell words

Put any dried pasta, cereal, bread sticks or crackers in a tub and let your child crunch them using wooden spoons, toy tools etc. Great sensory activity for any scraps of food at the ends of packets.



CRUNCHY BOX
AN EASY WAY TO ENTERTAIN
A TODDLER (AND CLEAN
OUT YOUR PANTRY!)





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Pre Schoolers

Ideas to keep your busy little people happy



Milk Bottle Animals
Save your used milk bottles, give them a good wash and use them to make animals like the elephants shown here. Do the cutting then let your child then let them decorate with bits of paper or any craft items you have.

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Ideas to keep them learning



Have a go at making some bird feeders. There are lots of ideas shown here, some easier than others! Hang in the garden with some seed or hang them in a tree on your walk. Even though it is due to be bad weather, the birds will still need food and should visit in a few days.

30 Day Lego Challenge: Printable calendar with a different building task each day <https://www.mykidstime.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Download-Your-FREE-30-Day-LEGO-Challenge-For-Some-Creative-Fun-Mykidstime.jpg>



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online resources

Ideas to keep them learning and busy

<https://www.sparklebox.co.uk/parents/>

American resources, but a wealth of printable activity sheets and colouring pages

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/adventures-at-home/>

Incredible activities for children ages 4+, updated each week with new ideas

<https://www.freehomeschooldeals.com/free-countries-of-the-world-printable-book/>

Lots of home school ideas, including printable sheets. This link should take you to a countries of the world printable book....lots of colouring in and learning



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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!

INVENTOR SCAVENGER HUNT

primary *imagination*

- Find something that you can turn.
- Find something that is bumpy.
- Find something that is metal.
- Find something you put together.
- Find 3 things that are round.
- Find something you twist.
- Find something shiny.
- Find something you can roll.
- Find a tube.
- Find 3 things that are squishy.
- Find something clear.
- Find something that can bounce.



BOOK SCAVENGER HUNT

- Find an animal in a book. primary playground
- Find the word spring in a book.
- Find someone helping someone in a book.
- Find a picture of a sun in a book.
- Find a book that makes you laugh.
- Find a bug in a book.
- Find someone sleeping in a book.
- Find a character eating in a book.
- Find a pet in a book.
- Find a cat in a book.
- Find a superhero in a book.
- Find a bike in a book.



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

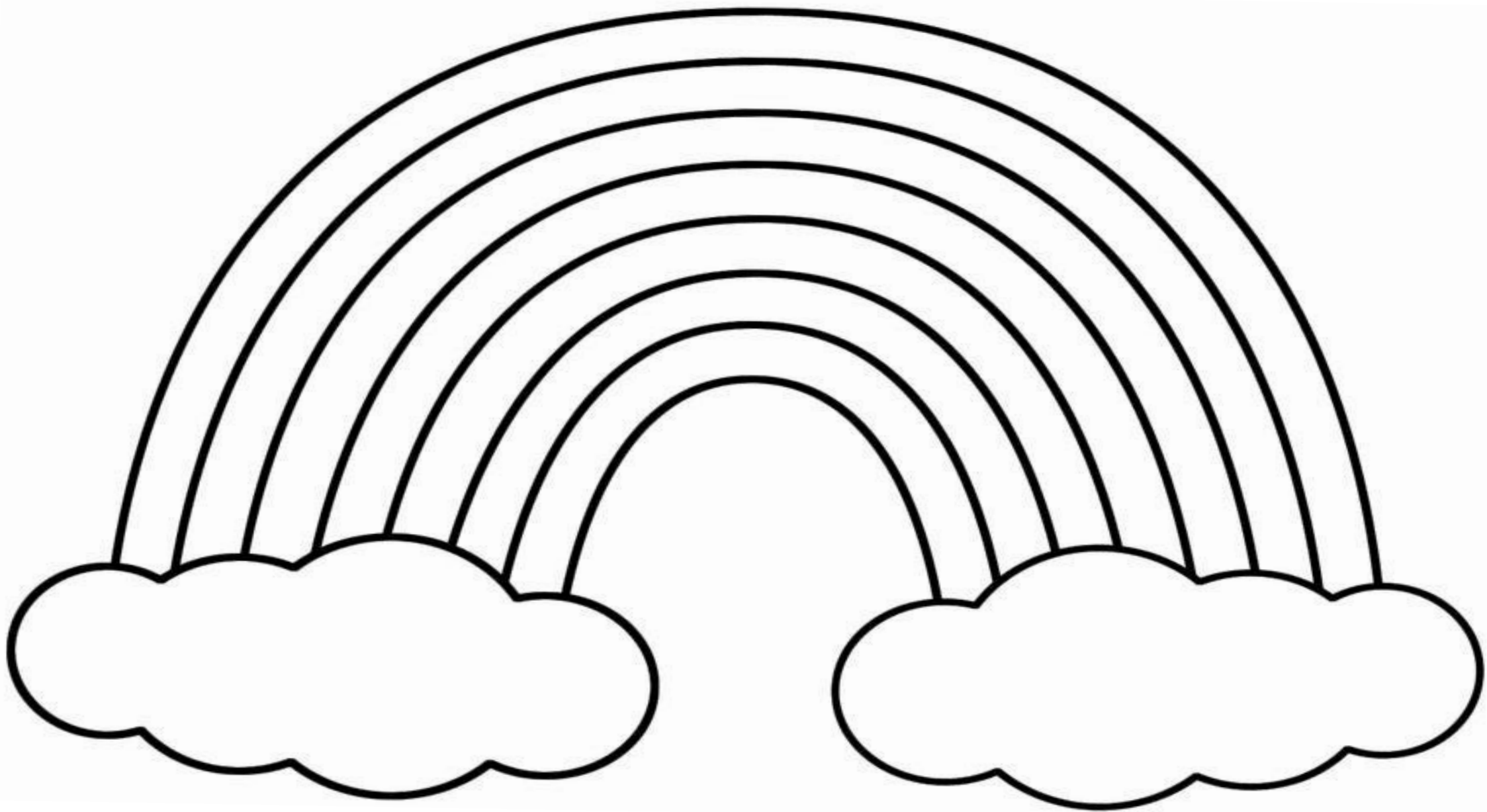
-  Find something red.
-  Find something yellow.
-  Find something orange.
-  Find something green.
-  Find something blue.
-  Find something purple.
-  Name a fruit that is red.
-  Name an animal that is yellow.
-  Name a vegetable that is orange.
-  Name a plant that is green.
-  Name a flower that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



Scavenger Hunt Week 1

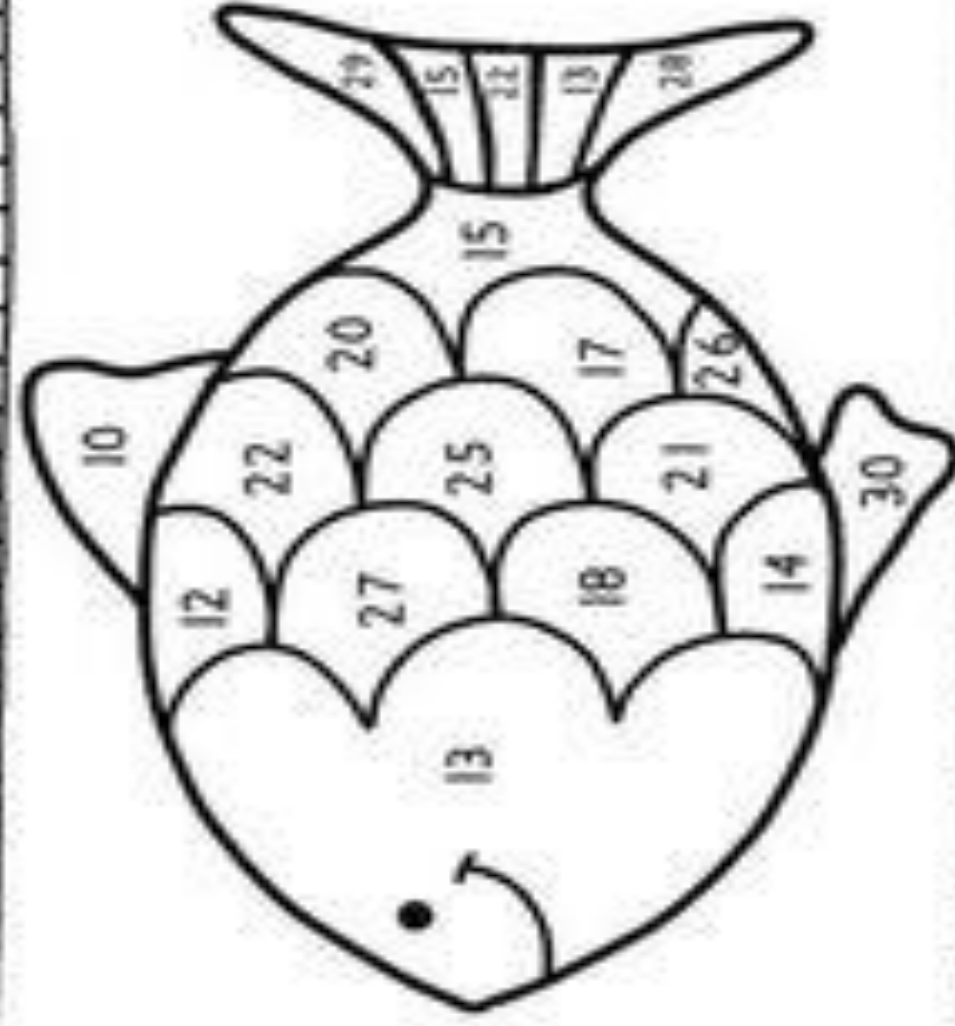
- ☐ Something fluffy
- ☐ Something made from wood
- ☐ Something shiny
- ☐ Something that you love
- ☐ Something that begins with "B"
- ☐ Something tiny
- ☐ Something that smells nice
- ☐ Something with wheels
- ☐ Something red
- ☐ Something smooth





Name: _____

Add & Shade



red	yellow	green	purple
$6+6=$	$10+3=$	$17+4=$	$6+4=$
$10+5=$	$11+6=$	$12+10=$	$15+15=$
$7+7=$	$13+7=$	$9+9=$	$25+4=$
$15+10=$	$18+9=$	$22+4=$	$15+13=$

Bird Spotting

Keep your eyes open!

Which birds have you seen? (tick the circles)

blackbird



blue tit



chaffinch



dove



crow



magpie



jackdaw



linnet



nuthatch



swallow



robin



starling



sparrow



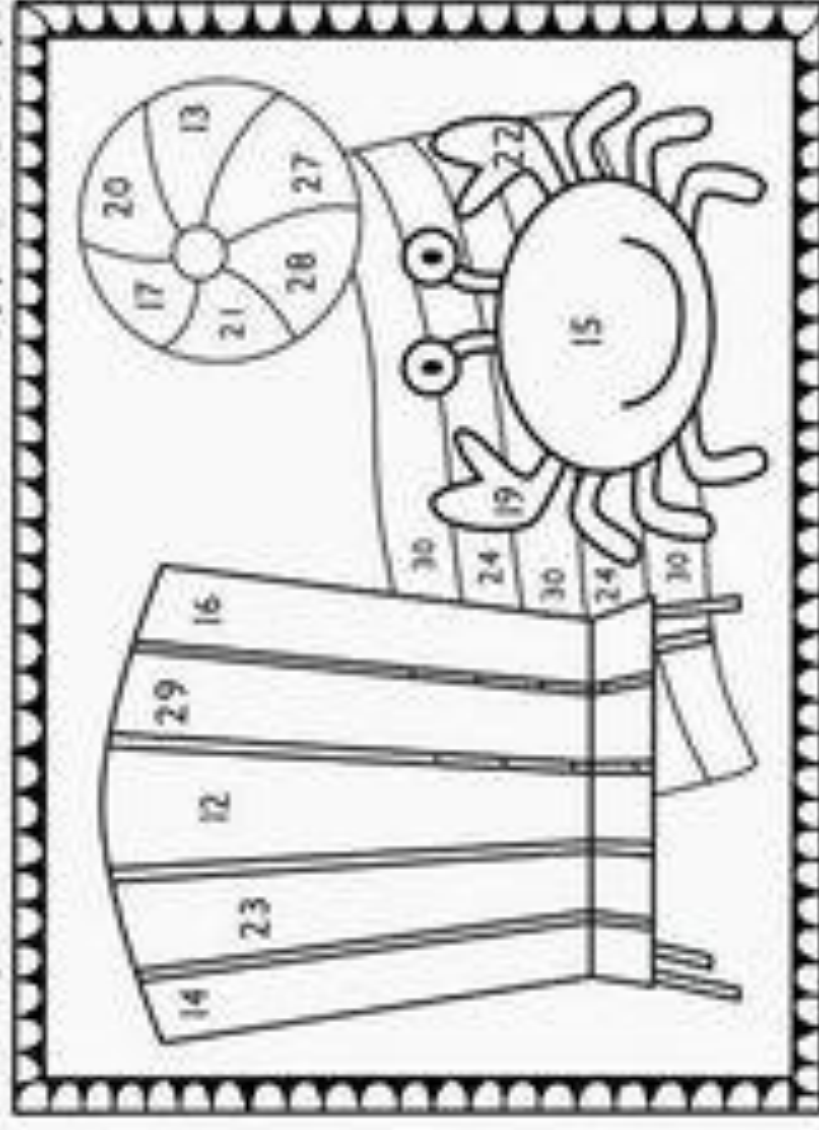
wren



Perfect if you have managed to make a bird feeder, or simply use at home watching out the window

Name: _____

Add & Shade



red	orange	blue	pink
$7+7=$	$11+4=$	$18+5=$	$7+5=$
$11+6=$	$12+7=$	$13+11=$	$16+14=$
$8+8=$	$14+8=$	$10+10=$	$11+2=$
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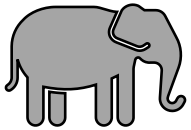
Animal Work Out



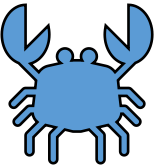
FROG: Hop and leap back and forth like a frog



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