



Music Fun

Music and movement is a wonderful way to work on physical skills, while also encouraging children to learn sounds, words and patterns. You don't need to be able to play an instrument or be a fantastic singer to enjoy the magic of music.

Here are some simple and fun things to do. Hope you enjoy!

Play Music and Dance

Put on some music and dance away you can use some ribbons, scarves and different materials and create different movements.

Squiggle while you wiggle

Put a large piece of paper on the floor or if you have a concreted section outside in the garden/yard you could use this. Select a felt tip, crayon or pencils (chunky chalks are better outside on concrete as it will wash away.)

Whichever writing implement you choose, you will need to place one in each hand. Then put some funky music on and then use the following actions to the music:-

- Up and down - Side to side - Big circles - Little circles - Arches

Create a talent show

You can also create a talent show consisting of different acts. Let children set the stage, make tickets to gain admission and make posters. Then dress up and deliver that show stopping performance.

Make and play instruments

Use pan lids as cymbals and march around the house. Try a slow march first, then a faster one. Use pans, bowls and various spoons and create a range of sounds loud and quiet or play along while singing your favourite rhymes and songs. You can get creative and make your own shakers by using two yoghurt pots, decorate the outside of the pots, then add to one pot dried lentils, rice, buttons or anything that can make a noise. Then sellotape the other pot on top. Maybe you could use other junk items to create different shakers or instruments.

Create a music bag or box

Have a look amongst the toys at home and place items in the bag/box to represent the song for example a star-twinkle twinkle, sheep-Baa baa black sheep, bus-wheels on the bus, duck- 3 little ducks, monkey-3 little monkeys. Once you have made your song bag/box you can encourage the children to mix them around while singing... (to the tune of row row row your boat)

Mix mix mix them up, Mix them round and round

Mix mix mix them up, see what you have found?

Then sing the rhyme picked out, while singing the song pause in parts and see if your child can fill in the missing words. If you need any of the words to the songs email nursery if the songs are not on the home learning site.



Things to do in the garden/yard



Den Building

Build a den (this can also be done indoors) be as creative as you can. You can use blankets, sheets, towels, coats etc. Once complete give the den a name and make a sign. Then enjoy reading a story or two inside the den with a snack.

Bug hunt

Take a little bucket and go off for a bug hunt in the garden. What bugs can you find? What do they feel like? Are they big or small? Do they wriggle or crawl? Do you know what they are called? Don't forget to set them free so they can explore your garden.

Painting in the garden

Using water and paintbrushes you can become creative drawing on the floor, walls maybe even painting the fence and shed. Add a little glitter to make 'Magic Paint'

Bubble fun

Blow and catch bubbles. If you have no bubble mix have a go making your own with washing up liquid and water.

Decorating pebbles and stones

If you have any stones or pebble in the garden collect them in a little bucket. Then decorate them with paint or felt tips. Why not draw patterns, faces or rainbows for people as little gifts.

Water play

Dig out the pots, pans, jugs, buckets, bottles, funnels, cups, bowls and spoons and big buckets of water. Let the children explore these; some may enjoy tipping and pouring, some may be creative and say they are making soup or potions. Add different food colouring to the water and see what happens.



Things to do indoors

Cooking

Look up a new recipe or perhaps make a family favourite. Talk about the utensils and ingredients needed, weigh out, count how many items needed.

Have a pretend or real tea party

Set up an area where you are going to have your tea party put a blanket down and add your plates, cups, teapot and pretend food. Then gather all your favourite toys and teddies to sit and enjoy your picnic. You could even use real food that you have made such as cakes and sandwiches.

Pyjama and Movie day

Prepare a few snacks together and sit down and snuggle up watching your favourite movie or watch something new that you haven't seen before. After you could maybe dress up as the characters and re-enact parts of the film.

Create Junk models

Plan and design a model using old boxes, pots, paper, string and waste materials. Work together to problem solve and achieve that masterpiece.

Zoos and Aquariums

Go online and you can watch live streams from around the world of the different animals. Website that has a list of zoos and aquariums is

<https://bit.ly/ZooCam>

Create a family bucket list jar

Every time you wish you could do something, go somewhere, want something new, see someone you love write this wish down onto a piece of paper and place this into a jar. When all this is over this will be your bucket list and you can work your way through the jar. Until then enjoy watching the jar fill up of magical things to look forward to.