

White Group Key Worker Activities

To develop listening and attention skills

Hide a selection of objects for example, behind a large cushion and encourage your child to listen carefully and say what they can hear. These could be, stirring a cup with a spoon, shaking a bunch of keys, rustling a bag of crisps, playing a musical instrument , whistling etc. Your child will also enjoy making the sounds for you to guess.



Mark making activity, to develop physical skills and encourage children to become confident mark makers.

Get a large sheet of paper on the floor and give your child 2 crayons , 1 in each hand. Sing 'The Wheels on the Bus' and encourage your child to draw the actions:

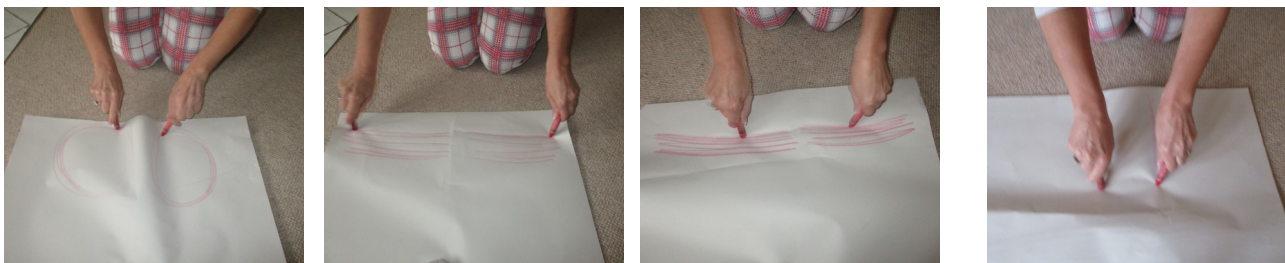
"The wheels on the bus go round and round" (draw circles).

"The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish" (draw from side to side).

"The door on the bus go open and shut" (draw out then in).

"The people on the bus bounce up and down" (draw up and down lines).

You can do this also with chalks and pens.



Find the Hidden Numbers

Play find the hidden numbers by having two sets of identical numbers, begin with 0-3, then 0-5, then 0-10. Hide 1 set of the numbers around the home and/or garden and place the other set on the floor, table etc. Once your child has found a number encourage them to say what it is or you can say the number name and your child can match his/her found number to the numbers on the table or floor.

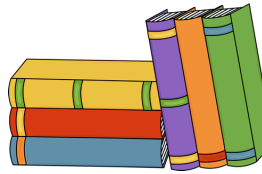
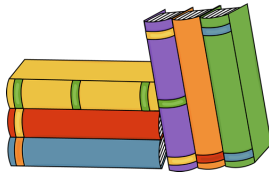
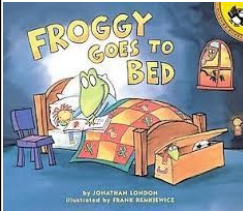
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4	5	6	7	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	8	9	10		

Story Time

Demonstrate to your child the correct way to hold and use a book by turning the pages one at a time, from the front to the back and encourage your child to do the same. Talk about the title and the author on the front cover and the blurb on the back to develop early reading skills and to encourage a love of books and reading.

Try and use who, what and why questions about the story with your child eg:

“Who blew down the little pigs’ house?” “What did the little pigs build their houses with?” “Why did they run and hide in the brick house?”



Edible Necklaces

Make edible necklaces using strawberry laces and any cereal with holes such as ‘Cheerios’. Encourage your child to thread the cereal onto the laces to develop fine motor skills and control. See how many cheerios your child can thread on. Why not try and make a bracelet. When the jewellery is made, wear it or eat it! This activity also encourages and develops concentration and perseverance skills.



Using Scissors

Old birthday/Christmas cards are good to use for cutting as they are sturdier than paper. Ask your child to make ‘snips’ around the card holding and using scissors correctly in one hand and always with the thumb at the top. When they are confident with ‘snipping,’ draw lines and shapes on card or paper for your child to ‘cut,’ your child can draw the shapes too. If your child is finding it difficult to ‘cut’ then snipping lengths of rolled dough is a good way to develop skills, confidence and a sense of achievement and success.

