# White Group Key Worker Activities

## **Cutting chicks and ducks**

Draw 2 circles onto card or paper, 1 circle needs to be smaller than the other.

Encourage your child to hold the scissors correctly and cut round the circle shapes.

The circles can then be glued onto paper and features added such as eyes, beak and feet etc. to look like either a chick or duck.

Learning to cut with scissors is exciting for children and has a range of benefits for them. The opening and closing motion of cutting allows children to build up the small muscles in their hand. These muscles are also used for writing, painting and gripping things like a toothbrush, spoon or fork.





### Match numeral to quantity

This can be a seasonal activity or you can use objects/toys from around the home e.g.

- Easter basket/bowl and small mini eggs
- Soft bunny toy and small eggs
- Ducks in the pond/bath/water
- Trains and track
- Pompoms into bottles
- Pens in pots





This is an activity which develops number recognition and accurate counting

Using numerals, ask your child to place that amount of trains on the track, pompoms in the bottle, pens in the pots, eggs in the basket etc.

If your child does not yet recognise numerals, reinforce the number name to them and ask, "Can you put 4 ducks in the bath? Can you put 6 pens in the pots?" etc. Most children can rote count however; these activities demonstrate number recognition and the understanding of concept of quantity. It is important that they understand what they are counting and what the numbers mean.

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### **Bunny Hokey Pokey**

Have fun with this action party song, adapting the words and actions

To add to the fun make bunny headbands or face masks

Make up your own actions and words







### 10 Little Chicks Song

Finger play and songs encourage development in young children. ... Using finger play, songs and rhymes helps children learn language by increasing vocabulary, learning the sounds of words and hearing the rhythm of

language. Children can also gain large and small motor skills by performing

movements required in finger play.

Also sing other finger rhymes; Tommy Thumb Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star 5 Little Monkeys Jumping On The bed etc.



### **Decorating boiled eggs**

Boil eggs until they are hard.

Once cooled decorate with felt pens, paints etc.

For a seasonal, traditional Easter activity, the eggs can then be rolled to find which one goes the furthest and/or have an egg and spoon race

The boiled eggs could also be transformed into creative characters





