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Imaginative Play

“Over the last 75 years, a number of theorists and researchers have identified the values of such imaginative play as a vital component to the normal development of a child.”

Activity: Play dough

Suggestion: Encourage your child to play with play dough. They may use everyday objects such as, cookie cutters, bottle tops, a rolling pin, small toy animals, string, dry pasta, leaves and twigs.

Playing with playdough strengthens hand muscles which improves fine motor skills which improves pre-writing skills. It inspires creativity and encourages your child to be creative. Not only can this activity have a calming effect on your child but it will also aid in developing hand-eye coordination.



NO COOK PLAY DOUGH

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Ingredients:
2 cups flour
1 cup salt
4 tablespoons Cream of Tartar
2 tablespoons oil
2 cups boiling water
Food coloring (optional)
1 teaspoon vanilla essence (optional)

Instructions:
Place all the ingredients in a bowl.
Mix together until incorporated.
Knead until smooth.
Store in a sealed container.

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Ring Time – Much Repeating

“People often say that practice makes perfect. Research certainly supports this, especially in children. In fact, studies have shown that repetition can be critically important for learning in general.”

Activity: Months of the Year

Suggestion:

- Recite the months of the year with your child. Use a calendar if you have one available to you.
- You may ask questions such as:
 - What month is it now?
 - What month does your birthday fall under?
 - What month is Christmas?



Activity: Focus letter of the week – b

Suggestion:

- Naming of objects around the house that start with the letter b, pronounced as /b/” for ball.
- Copy the letter b in a shallow bed of sand, sugar or flour as per the picture and have your child copy the shape of the letter using their finger.

The template can be accessed through Dropbox, alternatively I can send the link in the WhatsApp group.

Template:

<https://www.dropbox.com/preview/Focus%20letter%20b.pdf>



Skills Time – Educational Games

“Puzzles are effectual educational materials which support children’s cognitive, language, motor, social and emotional developmental areas while fostering their creativity and selfcare skills as well as providing learning during playing with them.”

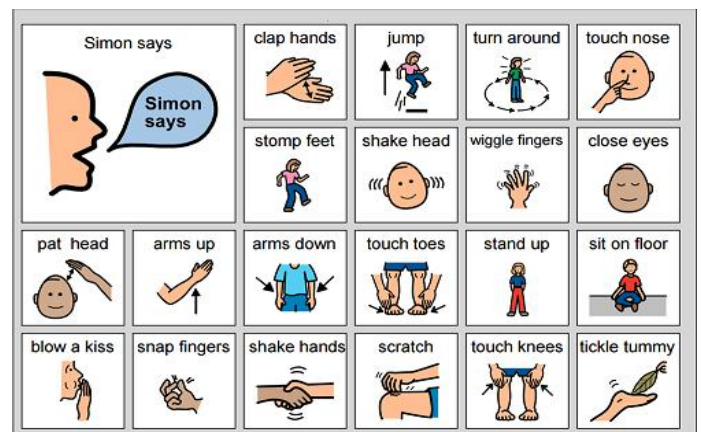
Online Puzzle: <https://www.onlinejigsawpuzzles.net>

Stepping Stone Skill: Speech and Language – Auditory Memory, Perform a series of 3 or more instructions.

Activity: Simon Says and Robot Game

Suggestion:

- **Simon Says** - Gradually increase the length of the command when playing this game (e.g. “Simon Says pat your head”; “Simon says first pat your head, then touch your nose”).



- **Robot game:** Blindfold the 'Robot' (listener) so the child must listen very carefully to instructions to find something (e.g. go 3 steps forward, then 1 step to the back). This can be reversed so that the child has to give someone else the instructions.

Gross Motor – Using Your Body

“Research indicates that gross motor skills are a major predictor of a child’s school readiness. In essence they reflect ‘brain skills’...”

Activity: The Brain Game – Spatial Orientation –
Able to name body parts

Suggestion:

Allow your child to participate in action songs as per the below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4eueDYPTig&vI=en>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BwHMMZQGfOM>



Theme Time – Learning About Our World

The theme this week is Autumn.

Activity: One to one Discussion

Suggestion:

- Discuss the following with your child
 - Autumn which is sometimes also referred to as fall is a season of the year. This season transitions summer into winter. The tree leaves change colour and the temperature grows colder.
- Questions to ask your child
 - What happens to the leaves in Autumn?
 - What clothes do you wear in Autumn?
 - How does the weather change in Autumn?
 - What colours are the leaves in Autumn?
- Observe the changes
 - Go for a walk around the garden and show your child the changes that are taking place in nature. E.g. changing leaf colours and the leaves falling on the ground.



Art – Learning Through Creativity

“Creative arts not only cultivate children’s imaginations, so that they become more flexible and inventive thinkers, but also help to develop their physical, emotional, and mental capabilities.”

Activity: Leaf Rubbings

Suggestion:

With the help of your child collect different leaves from your garden. Explain to your child that each leaf has different characteristic by showing them the different colours, shapes and textures.

Items required: Leaves, Paper and crayons.

Step 1 - Collect leaves from the garden.

Step 2 – Position the leaf with the bottom of the leaf facing up.

Step 3 - Place paper over the leaf.

Step 4 – Rub over the paper, which is now covering the leaf, with a crayon.

Step 5 – Remove the leaf and make more leaf rubbings. Different autumn colours can be used for the leaves.



Story Time – Learning to Love Books

“... storytelling and story reading were found to produce positive gains in oral language. ... young children who heard the stories told demonstrated improved story comprehension in their retelling, while children in the story reading group improved their language complexity”

Suggested Children’s Books

Catch an Autumn Leaf can be read to your child

<https://www.wattpad.com/76723425-catch-an-autumn-leaf-a-short-story-for-children>

Goodbye summer, Hello Autumn can be watched on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-a4APN4LuNM&feature=youtu.be>



Bible Story – Learning to Love God

Suggested Bible Reading: Ruth 2:1-23

Gods Story – Ruth

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=irThVpdeSXk&feature=youtu.be>

Ruth 2:1-23 Contemporary English Version

<https://www.bible.com/bible/392/RUT.2.1-23.CEV>

Songs – Learning through Rhythm

Suggested Children's Songs

Leaves on the Tree 🍁 Autumn and Fall Songs for Children 🍁 Kids Songs by The Learning Station

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dwaCO3-KUKQ&feature=youtu.be>

Autumn Leaves Are Falling Down | Fall Song | Preschool Songs | The Kiboomers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dKjUPqbt8DU&feature=youtu.be>

