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**Class:** Duck - Red Class

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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:** Construction Toys

Take out construction toys like Lego, Duplo or Mega Blocks. Show your child how to put the pieces together and construct a house or car. Allow them to try it on their own. They may like to build different cars or a tower in the pictures below. Help them create different things.



## 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

**Suggestion:**

Use the poster that you have made before with each month of the year on it. Teach them the names of each month by pointing to the written word and allowing them to repeat it after you.

You could use the following song to help them learn:

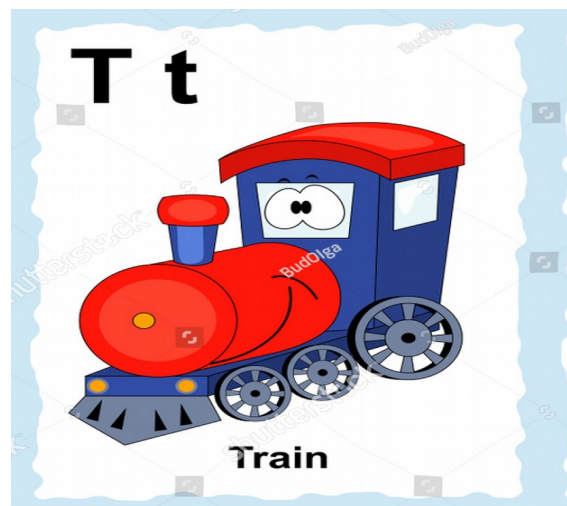
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPeAo1hz8GA>



**Activity:** Focus letter of the week – t

**Suggestion:**

Name objects around the house that start with the letter t, pronounced as “/t/” for train. They need to repeat what you say correctly with the “t” sound.



## 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 self-care skills as well as providing learning during playing with them.”

**Online Puzzles:** <https://www.onlinejigsawpuzzles.net/>



**Stepping Stone Skill:** Writing & Spelling - Visual Discrimination - Primary Colours

**Suggestion:**

1. Walk around the house and collect different objects, food, clothes, toys etc...
2. Once you have collected all the objects, place them together on the table.
3. Ask your child to identify and name the different colours. See if they can sort the objects into different colours.



## 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:** Mixed Equipment

**Suggestion:**

1. Play some tennis: Get a tennis racket and a tennis ball. Gently throw the ball directly onto the racket and let them try to hit it. Remind them to watch the ball. Take turns hitting and throwing the ball.
2. Pretend you’re playing hockey, use a plastic stick and a small plastic ball. See if they can hit the ball on the ground.





# Theme Time – Learning About Our World

The theme this week is **Birds**

## Suggestion:

If your child has bird toys, please use them. Talk about the different names, size and colours of birds. Go outside and see if you can find any birds and show them to your child.



## 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:** 3D Bird

## Suggestion:

Things you will need: Different water colour paints, Cardboard, Paint brush, Scissors, Crayons.

1. Fold the cardboard in half.
2. Trace out half a bird shape like the picture shown.
3. Help your child cut out the bird shape using children scissors.
4. Open up the cardboard and draw patterns onto the wings and body with crayons.
5. Now paint over the crayon patterns using water colours. The paint will not cover the crayon patterns.
6. Wait until fully dry.
7. Fold the wings over and staple the bottom of the bird closed.



## **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**

Why do Birds fly?

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djDsm\\_VOB1Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djDsm_VOB1Y)

Birds for kids:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2pVKqxvqC4M>

## **Bible Story – Learning to love God**

### **Suggested Bible Reading:**

Elijah being fed by ravens:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fy9p-wmNbaY>

## **Songs – Learning through Rhythm**

The bird song:

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

Five little birds

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ov-DhrJy7ZI>