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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: Shoes

Take out all your old shoes, takkies, heels, sandals and slippers. Help your child to try on all the different types of shoes. Teach them to tie shoe laces, how to use buckles and Velcro. It is really important for children to learn to put on their own shoes.

Maybe create a fashion runway using a long carpet and put chairs on either side filled with fluffy toys to create an audience. Both you and your child can take turns to model different shoes. Take photos or videos and show them to each other afterwards.



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.”

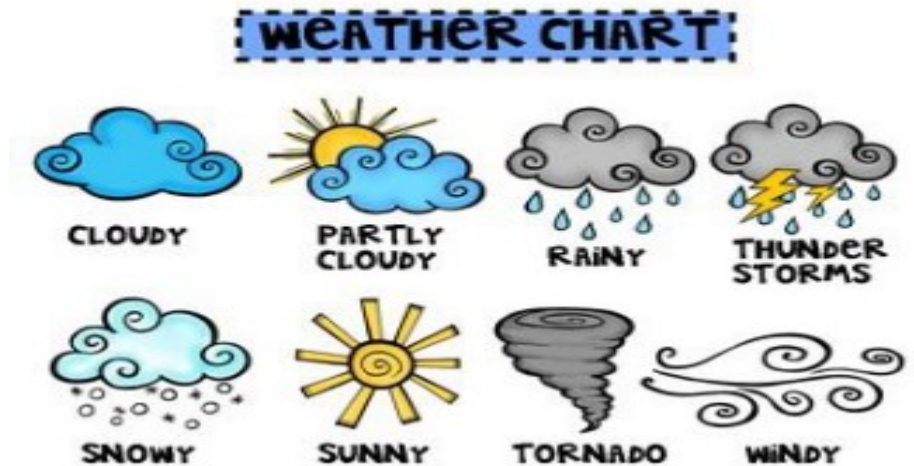
Activity: Weather

Suggestion:

Explain to your child all the different types of weather: Sunny, cloudy, rain, windy, stormy, cold or hot. See if they can describe the weather outside each day.

You could use the following song to help them learn:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rD6FRDd9Hew>



Activity: Focus letter of the week – p

Suggestion:

Name objects around the house that start with the letter **p**, pronounced as “/p/” for **p**arrot.

They need to repeat what you say correctly with the “p” 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 - Fine Motor Co-ordination

Suggestion:

1. It is important that children hold crayons correctly using a Pencil Grip. Show him/her how to hold the pencil the correct way while colouring in the picture. It is very important to watch your child colouring in a picture and to make corrections to their grip as they use their crayons.
2. Draw a straight line on a piece of paper. Using child friendly scissors help them cut along the line. This helps their fine motor – finger control – used for writing.



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: Balance Beam & Stepping Stones

Suggestion:

You will need a wooden plank or even a length of rope as a balance beam. For stepping stones you can use mats, pieces of paper or even bricks. As long as they are child-safe.

1. Show your child how to walk on the plank/rope with one foot in front of the other to practise balance.
2. If you have stepping stones or bricks, use them along with the stairs and other objects to make an obstacle course for your child.



Theme Time – Learning About Our World

The theme this week is
Dinosaurs

Suggestion:

Children love all types of Dinosaurs. See how many names they can remember. Explain that Dinosaurs come from eggs and grow very big and strong.

Maybe you would like to investigate the current scientific discoveries about Dinosaurs, linked below:

<https://youtu.be/zAN9eEJvLdw>

<https://creation.com/topics/dinosaurs>



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: Dinosaur Egg Collage

Suggestion:

Things you will need: Paper, Crayons, Scissors, Glue, Egg shells.

1. Click on this link to print out the drawing.
<https://10minutesofqualitytime.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Dinosaur-Egg.pdf>
2. Using crayons, allow them to colour in the baby Dinosaur and decorate the egg. Allow them to be creative and use any colour they choose.
3. Using crushed egg shells, glue pieces of egg shell onto your Dinosaur egg to decorate it further.
4. Cut out and glue the egg top/cap over the baby dinosaur to make a flap that reveals what is inside the egg when lifted.



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

Dinosaur Sleepover

<https://youtu.be/2C0IXe5NpAg>

Crunch Munch Dinosaur Lunch

https://youtu.be/P3Ku_myvdsI

Bible Story – Learning to love God

Suggested Bible Reading:

Creation (Genesis 1-2)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=teu7BCZTgDs>

Songs – Learning through Rhythm

10 Little Dinosaurs:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TjmGTbNLj6Q>

Dinosaur Stomp:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AM3VomijOw8>

Learn Dinosaur names for kids:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0XP6rlhupaw>