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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:** Hats

**Suggestion:** Collect hats that you might have around the house and allow your child to play with the hats using their imagination. When your child engages in imaginative play, they are actively experimenting with not only the social but emotional roles of life, allowing them to express both positive and negative feelings which helps them to work through difficult emotions and understand them. This will aid in building self-esteem when they discover that they can be anything they want to be through a pretending role.

If you do not have hats at home, you may assist your child in making a hat out of newspaper.

Here are some ideas: <https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Newspaper-Hat>



Awarding Winning Nursery School (Play With A Purpose)  
National School of Excellence – 2018, School of Excellence – 2016, 2017, 2019

# 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:** Numbers - Rote Count to 20

**Suggestion:** Counting songs that count upwards, this is one of the most successful ways to teach children to rote count. Music is a great tool to get your child interested.

Here are some songs you can use:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_mkggRs0gD8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_mkggRs0gD8)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0Ajq682yrA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vr-L6q4vbWU>



**Activity:** Focus letter of the week — S

**Suggestion:**

- Naming of objects around the house that start with the letter, **s**, pronounced as “/s/” for **snake**.
- Copy the letter **s** 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%20s.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:** Writing and Spelling - Fine Motor Co-ordination

**Activity:** Muffin Tin Geo-board

**Suggestion:** All you will need is muffin or cupcake tins and elastic bands. Allow your child to stretch the rubber band over the tins to create shapes or patterns. This very good to develop pincer grip for writing and drawing.



## Gross Motor – Using Your Body

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

**Activity:** Musical Instruments

**Suggestion:** Make a shaker at home and use it to try to follow a beat to a song.



You will need: toilet roll, stapler, stickers or paint and material to put inside to make a noise such as stones, beads, rice, lentils, split peas, beans, popcorn seeds, uncooked macaroni or coins.

1. Staple the bottom of the toilet roll.
2. Fill with shaker material (1-3 tbsp).
3. Staple the other side closed by pushing the end together in the opposite way.
4. Decorate toilet roll by painting it or sticking stickers on it.
5. Let your child make more than one with different items inside so they can hear the different sounds they make.

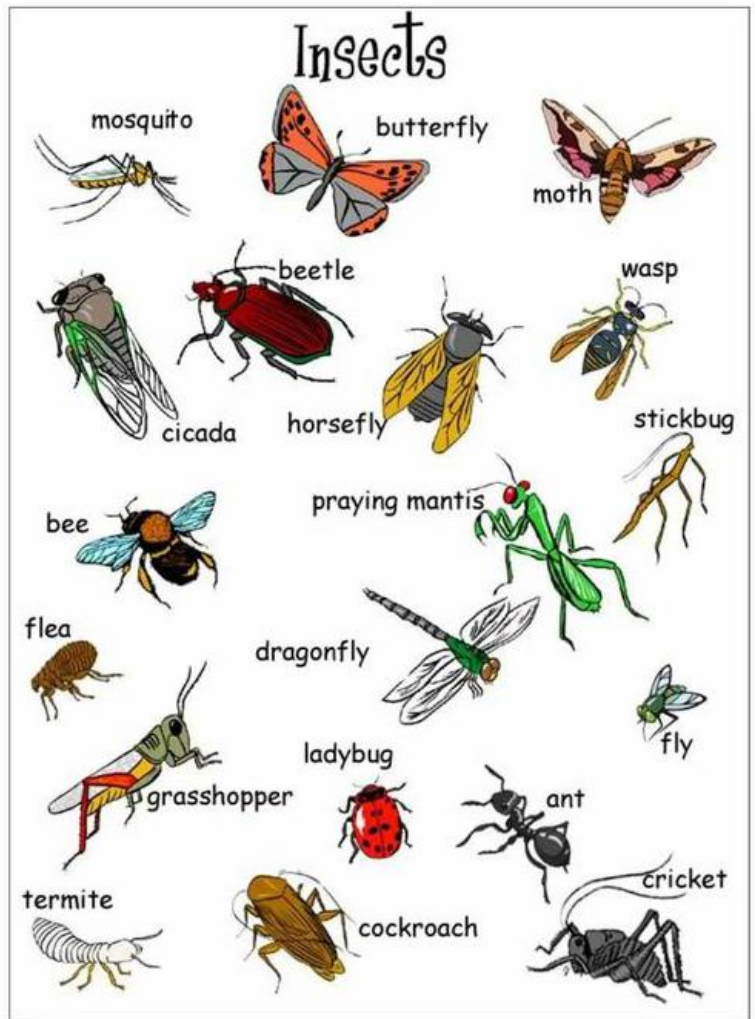


# Theme Time – Learning About Our World

The theme this week is Insects

**Activity:** Discuss Insects

**Suggestion:** Go into the garden with your child and see if you can find any insects. See if your child can name different insects and talk about the roles that they each play in nature. Discuss the characteristics of an insect - it has a head, thorax, abdomen, six legs, two antennae and some have wings. Insects hatch from eggs, they are cold blooded and they have a hard covering called an exoskeleton. Talk to your child about sitting still if a bee comes near to them so they won't be stung.



# 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:** Butterfly

**Suggestion:** Make a butterfly with flowers and stems.

Items required: coloured paper, scissors, glue, flowers and stems from the garden.

Directions:

Step 1 – Cut a butterfly shape out of coloured paper.

Step 2 – Look around the garden for some flowers and stems.

Step 3 – Glue the stems on the butterfly for the body and antennae.

Step 4 – Decorate the butterfly wings with the flower petals.



# 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

A Very Quiet Cricket

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YdiGEjz5b0Q&feature=youtu.be>

Insects

<https://www.dropbox.com/preview/Insect%20Story.pdf>



# Bible Story – Learning to Love God

**Suggested Bible Reading:** Exodus 7-12

Ten Plagues

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUruUO8TRCc&feature=youtu.be>

The Story of Moses and Pharaoh

[https://www.dltk-kids.com/bible/exodus/moses\\_and\\_pharaoh-cv.htm](https://www.dltk-kids.com/bible/exodus/moses_and_pharaoh-cv.htm)

# Songs – Learning through Rhythm

## Suggested Children’s Songs

The Bees Go Buzzing

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWUgZm\\_AE64](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWUgZm_AE64)

Insect Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lxH7NBbL9JY>

