

Activities at home

(2 - 3 years)

Creative

* Nature collages using mud/sticks/leaves etc
* Leaf rubbing/bark rubbing with crayons
* Make a ‘story stick’ by trying natural objects to a stick and using them to make up a story or represent a known story
* Set up mud kitchen with some of your spare pans/Tupperware/utensils
* Cutting out of magazines
* Water paints
* Gluing and sticking collage
* Making own playdough with kitchen ingredients

Activities of Everyday Living

* Threading with leaves
* Using tongs to sort objects such as stone, shells, pinecones
* Pouring using dry objects e.g rice, lentils or using water
* Transferring with a spoon, pipette, tweezers or tongs
* Cutting playdough with a knife and fork
* Cleaning a shell, some wellies, glasses
* Shredding paper by ripping
* Cleaning leaves of a plant
* Pegging
* Arranging flowers
* Folding cloths

Literacy

* Reading and writing stories, both indoors and outside – drawing illustrations
* Using sticks to mark make in the mud
* Treasure hunt for things beginning with….
* Making up rhymes
* Odd one out rhyming
* Using an old telephone and notepad
* Mystery bag – alliteration/rhyme
* Simon says
* Dough disco
* Drawing pictures from events of the day – share with nursery at a later date
* Talking jar – fill it with objects from the day to talk about at bedtime

Sensorial

* Making material baskets e.g all metal, wooden materials
* Digging, mixing pouring activities
* Distinguishing between weight using a blindfold
* Stereognotic bag activities (pinterest)
* Scented playdough
* Tasting activities
* Make smell pots with herbs and spices
* Herbs/spice painting
* Make flower perfume

Mathematics

* Sorting sticks and stones by size
* Number hunt with hidden numbers
* Looking for shapes in the environment
* Use a torch to spot the numbers around us in a dark room
* Representing numbers in paint, mud, shaving foam
* Matching socks together by their design
* Making shapes and patterns with found objects
* Writing numbers on stones found outside
* Matching number and quantity

Knowledge and Understanding the World

* Looking for insects/making a bug hotel
* Growing seeds – sunflowers to bring back to nursery
* Making land see and air jars – match with transport and animals in these areas
* Looking through city brochures, different places in the world
* Helping to care for a pet, brushing/feeding
* Looking at google maps – where we live
* Going for a walk in your local streets – looking for street names
* Parts of the body
* Categorising animals into habitats
* Looking through photos – timeline of a child’s life
* Learning dinosaur names with flashcards