Activities at home

(3+ years)

Literacy

**(Promoting use of language, phonetical awareness, rhyming, letter recognition)**

* Introducing initial sounds, e.g s, t, c
* Rhyming games
* Matching letters and sounds
* Matching objects to sounds
* Large Moveable Alphabet is free to print at [www.naturalbeachliving.com](http://www.naturalbeachliving.com)
* Google ‘say it, make it, write’ (CVC words)
* Making rhyming ‘odd one out’ cards
* Building words with lego bricks
* Google phase 1 letters and sounds – so many ideas on here!

Mathematics

**(Numerals, quantities, counting, writing, shape recognition, curiosity of the environment, ordering, categorising)**

* Sorting shapes
* Looking for shapes in the environment
* Looking for numbers in the environment
* Junk modelling using waste due to be recycled
* Looking at the properties of 2D/3D shapes e.g faces and edges
* Following patterns e.g with beads, lego etc
* Weighing objects – heavy and light
* Sink or float activities
* Number and quantity activities match the amount to the numeral
* Writing numbers using sensory materials
* Matching pegs to number cards
* Playdough splat (addition and subtraction)

Activities of Everyday Living

**(supports concentration, fine motor skills, care of self and the environment)**

* Pouring (rice, sand, water (with a drop of food colouring), into another jug, into equal measures with multiple cups, pouring through a funnel)
* Folding clothes
* Pairing socks
* Matching nuts to bolts
* Using a screwdriver
* Locks and keys
* Cleaning their own faces
* Brushing teeth
* Polishing mirrors/shoes/brass
* Sweeping using a small dustpan
* Washing pots after meals/drying them too
* Preparing a snack e.g cutting strawberries/bananas
* Peeling vegetables
* Transferring objects from one pot to another
* Threading beads onto a shoelace
* Using the hoover, microwave, dishwasher
* Zipping up coats, putting them onto hangers

Knowledge and Understanding the World

**Biology**

* Care of plants
* Farmyard animal families e.g pigs, sheep
* Life cycles – frogs/butterfly
* Parts of a….. bird/fish/flower/tree
* Learning about the human body, e.g layers of the body, effects of activity on body

**Geography**

* Make own land, water, air jars (print of animals/transport to categorise in each)
* Looking at a specific country learning about food, clothing, climate, ways of life
* Jigsaws – maps of the world, oceans
* Use Youtube to look at the structure of the Earth/volcanoes

**Investigating**

* Experiments – looking at objects that are living/non living
* Floating and sinking
* Paper clip and magnet maze

**History**

* Look through photo albums, recognising change of self and family members

(Find many free printables online – Instagram/twinkl)

Sensory activities

* Making gloop – cornflour and water (talk about liquids and solids)
* Blow football – straws/paper balls – blow them into the goal
* Make a rainbow experiment (mirror and a bowl of water – pinterest)
* Cars down ramps
* Magnetic and non-magnetic objects
* Magic milk experiment
* Baking soda and vinegar fizz
* Rain cloud in a jar
* Walking water science experiment
* Pepper and soap science experiment

(Pinterest!!!)