

# Working Together to Extend your Child's Learning at Home

As we work in partnership with parents/carers we ask that you continue to enhance your child's learning and development at home over the coming weeks through sharing and exploring with some or all of the following activities which you can enjoy together:

Items added to YouTube -

[Auntie Jill reads The Christmas Story](#)

## Activities to do:

- ☀️ Tell your child the story of the very first Christmas or watch Pastor Jill read it by following the above link. Talk to them about why we celebrate Christmas and that it is a time for giving - just like the shepherds and the wise people gave Jesus gifts. Would they like to make a card or picture to give as a gift to someone special to them?
- ☀️ We hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas break. If you are looking for creative ideas to keep your children busy over the next few weeks, below are a few seasonal suggestions...





# Snow Dough

You need :

- \* 1/3 cup of vegetable oil
- \* 2 cups of cornflour
- \* 3 teaspoons of glitter



Mix the glitter into the corn flour. Add the oil slowly to the corn flour, mixing as you go. Rub in like when making pastry. When it feels smooth and slightly damp it's ready.



# Festive Santas

You need :

- \* toilet roll inner
- \* red paint
- \* bits of black paper
- \* cotton wool
- \* red felt
- \* googly eyes
- \* pompom



To think that something so ordinary could create something so cute!



# This is not just a box!

This is a house  
This is a cave  
This is a mountain  
This is a car  
This is a castle  
This is a spaceship  
This is a rocket  
This is a den  
This is a special place



This is an incredible open ended play item!



# Ginger Playdough

Seasonal playdough, which smells divine

You need:

- \* 2 cups flour
- \* 1 cup salt
- \* 2 tablespoons cream of tartar
- \* boiling water
- \* 2 teaspoons ginger.
- \* 3 tablespoons oil.



Mix dry ingredients together, add the oil. Add water slowly until dough is of right consistency.



# Christmas Lights Christmas Card



Simply draw a squiggly line and then fingerprint along it using different colours.

Simple, but effective!



# The Alternative Christmas Tree

You need :

- \* paper plate
- \* green paint
- \* coloured card
- \* scissors
- \* thread



A Christmas tree with a difference





# Fork Painting



Using a fork to paint with, is a great alternative to a brush and is perfect for creating a Christmas tree. Keep all the prongs facing the same way and ask your little one to really think about the tree shape.



Could make a great Christmas card!

- ☀ Follow the below link to play a Christmas physical game with your child. Download the cards and then show your child the moves to make when they see each card, eg march like a nutcracker soldier, take tiny elf steps. When they are used to linking the moves to the pictures you could flash the cards and see if your child knows what to do without telling them!

[Christmas Physical Game cards link](#)

- ☀ Play alongside your child at an activity of their own choosing. As they play use the commenting approach (see below link) to give a running commentary of what they are doing. Continue to try to carry out the commenting approach with your child for approximately 10 minutes daily.

[An introduction to using the commenting approach with your child](#)

Below are some useful links that you may wish to browse to find other ideas for activities!

- ❖ [Better Health Start for Life - tips on helping your child to talk](#)
  - ❖ [Activities for babies, toddlers and children - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)
  - ❖ [Family Zone | National Literacy Trust](#)
  - ❖ [Black Country Early Outcomes | Activities for under 5s](#)
- [Activities for kids: Fun development and bonding ideas for babies, toddlers and pre-school children](#)