



Nursery Home Learning  
December 2020

Dear home learning children in nursery,

A big hello to our nursery parents and children from Mrs. Cowley and her nursery team.

I (Mrs. Cowley) would like you to continue your learning while you are at home. I am going to give your parents some lovely Christmas ideas so that you can still have fun!

Please encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and singing 'Happy Birthday' twice to themselves as they rub the soap over their hands and in between their fingers before rinsing with water.

Below are some ideas from your Nursery teacher and Key-workers at Nursery for how you might spend your day at home. Everyone likes to do their learning in different ways and your grown-ups at home will have other jobs to do as well as being your teacher, so try to do as much as you can, when you can.

Remember to make time to talk about your feelings, rest, relax and have some fun too! There are lots of different ways of learning that you can do at home that are even better than being at school!

- Listen to environmental sounds which include the ticking of the clock, the noise of the washing machine or fridge, the sound of the doorbell or telephone. You can go on a walk with your grown up either in the garden or around your neighbourhood and listen to sounds that include birds singing, the rustling of leaves, car engine or an aeroplane.
- Listen to instrumental sounds which include bells, shakers and drums.

- Make sounds using your body parts e.g. clicking fingers, stamping feet and clapping hands. You can sing songs that have actions or sounds e.g. Wind the bobbin up, Incy Wincy spider.



- Become more aware of rhythm and rhyme by clapping the beats in their name and thinking about rhyming words e.g. what word rhymes with Humpty?

- Alliteration: Set up a pretend shopping basket and listen to initial sounds of the content e.g. Baked Beans, tinned tomatoes, bendy bananas etc.
- Practise the letter sounds 'SATPIN' and finding objects around the home beginning with these sounds.
- Practise counting in sequence 1-5, 1-10, 1-20
- Practise naming 2-D shapes: rectangle, square, circle, oval, star, diamond, pentagon, hexagon, octagon.

Our topic is 'Magical Changes':  
Christmas



- If you can go on a nature walk and collect leaves, twigs, pine cones to make a collage.
- You can draw Father Christmas using crayons, felt-tips, textures or paint. When your pictures are dry ask your grown-up to put them in your home learning journal.
- Look at Christmas books and learn about the first Christmas story.
- Listen to Christmas CD's and dance to them!
- Make Christmas Stockings: Cut card like a boot. Cover the top in cotton wool and cut toys out of old catalogues.
- Sing Christmas songs...
  - ❖ When Santa got stuck up the chimney
  - ❖ Snowflakes falling
  - ❖ 5 Little snowman fat
  - ❖ Jingle bells
  - ❖ Rockin' Robin



- ❖ Father Christmas
- ❖ We wish you a merry Christmas
- ❖ Away in a manger
- Make a Christmas scene using chalk
- Make paper snowballs
- Use your imagination to create Santa's sleigh with boxes, blankets and chairs.
- Practise wrapping up different size boxes.
- Make paper chains
- Discuss with your family about celebrating Christmas.



You may also like to look at the website for more ideas that you may share with your grown-ups.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search>

<http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/archived-word-games/find-the-pairs>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/eyfs-listen-and-play>

I hope you find the ideas and tips useful. Have fun!

Please email photographs of your child's achievements to [nursery@ladybankes-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@ladybankes-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk) As always, when sending photos, we kindly remind you to include permission for your child's photo to be displayed on the website.

Best Wishes,  
Mrs Cowley (Nursery Teacher)

