



# EYFS Nursery- Home Learning Challenges – Links and suggestions

## Phonics:

- **Mirror play:** make funny sounds in the mirror and watch your mouth movements. For example: ssssss snake, weeeeeeee when we go down the slide, choo choo goes the train.

- Can you think of words that **rhyme**?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EuAigo6NSVM>

- Play '**Guess the sound**'

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h0Kp\\_J9kvNM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h0Kp_J9kvNM)

- **Alliteration**- word play make silly sentences beginning with the same sound eg Lucy Likes Licking lovely Lollipops!

- Phase 2 **phonics**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Qpn2839Kro>

## Physical development:

- Make **playdough** using flour and put on your favourite music making up different ways to mould the playdough. Use words like: **squeeze, roll, poke, splat, pinch**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJQ2CaA7E50>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8VmOphd6Nll>

**Playdough recipe here:** [https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/support-for-parents/things-to-do-with-your-child/messy-play/?gclid=EAlalQobChMIjseOmeSS6QIVmpntCh1VegjfEAAYASAAEgLBHvD\\_BwE&gclid=aw.ds](https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/support-for-parents/things-to-do-with-your-child/messy-play/?gclid=EAlalQobChMIjseOmeSS6QIVmpntCh1VegjfEAAYASAAEgLBHvD_BwE&gclid=aw.ds)

- It is important for the children to keep fit and healthy as well as adults. **Joe Wicks** is always a great way to start the day:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJQ2CaA7E50>

- **Cosmic kids** has some fantastic ideas to help children move their bodies in different ways and there is mindfulness and yoga sessions for children it is lots of fun.

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

### **Literacy:**

- **Mark making** should be fun and does not always have to be done on paper. Get some shaving foam in a tray and make different patterns using your fingers or use a tray of rice.
- Read a **familiar story** change the main characters and draw them. For example the three little lions instead of the three little pigs.
- Can you learn a new story by heart?  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25\\_u1GzruQM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25_u1GzruQM)
- **Pattern of the day:** Choose a pattern and model this for your child eg zig zag, swirly lines, vertical lines.  
<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-252840-mark-making-pattern-cards>

### **Maths:**

- Hide **numbers** around the house can children find the numbers – these can be written on scraps of paper or card.
- **Colour sorting** is a great way to begin to classify objects. Use real objects such as fruit and vegetables.
- Make a **shop** in the home, label favourite items and then choose items to buy. Talk about exchanging money for an object and using language related to money. How much does it cost? How much change?
- **Number songs** to sing:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VTmmoaO2M\\_U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VTmmoaO2M_U)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7D4K9oi7oBM>
- Go on a **shape hunt** around the house what shapes can you find?  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pfRuLS-Vnjs>

### **Communication and language:**

- Sing familiar **nursery rhymes:** Miss Polly had a dolly, Incy wincy spider, Row row your boat, Wheels on the bus, Old Macdonald had a farm and any others you know and love.
- Play **hide and seek** with a favourite toy use positional language such as: **on top, behind, in front, next to, under, beside, above, below.**

Model the language for the children – e.g. Who is **under** the table?

- Talk about **likes and dislikes**. Model using full sentences. eg I like sausages but I don't like apples.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=frN3nvhlHUK>

### **Understanding of the world:**

- Can children think of all the **wonderful living things that God made**? Draw a picture of all the living things. For example trees, flowers, animals, people.

- **Animal sounds**: Can children match the animals to the correct sounds?

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

- Make your own **weather chart**. Children to draw a stormy picture, rainy picture, cloudy, sunny and snowy. Start the day with asking what the weather is like.

- Sing the **weather song**:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rD6FRDd9Hew>

- What is the **day of the week**? The month of the year?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oKqAblcwFOA> Days of the week

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VebLO5gF71w> Months Macarena

### **Personal social Emotional development:**

- Talk about **feelings** what makes you happy? Sad? Angry?

Children could draw a happy face that is green, a sad face that is blue and an angry face that is red.

Children can talk about what makes them feel these different emotions. It is also great for parents to talk to children about emotions.

For example: 'I am so happy when you do good listening'. 'I feel sad when you are not making a good choice'.

- Remember to focus on **positive behaviours**, those 'wanted' behaviours and always catch the children being good. The more they are praised for this the more likely they will display these behaviours.

- Make a **visual reward chart** to support them. Please see examples attached. <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/T-M-003-Reward-Chart>
- **Challenge:** Can you learn some key words in a **new language** - perhaps you could choose a different language every week?
- Language of the month website has plenty resources and examples:  
<https://www.newburyparkschool.net/lotm/index.html>
- Fig tree have been learning lots of songs in different languages such as head shoulders knees and toes in Spanish.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AlYpkipAB8k8>
- African lullabies <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CvS3JQ7qGcc>
- Here are some interactive games:  
<https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/index.html>