

## Pre-Nursery Pack 2

We had hoped to be back at pre-nursery by now. However, this is not possible so we are sending out another pack.

Please continue to do activities from pack 1 with your child. Please sing rhymes and share stories with your child daily.

As you know we do not have set topics in Early Years we take our ideas from what your child is interested in. So you can use your child's own interests and toys to develop their learning. You can also use everyday activities as learning experiences, mealtimes, bathtimes, getting dressed etc.

### Ideas:

- Rhymes - sing a range of rhymes (see sheet from pack 1). 5 Little Ducks - cut out the ducks included in this pack and if possible glue them onto some card to make them stronger. You can stick them to a straw/lolly stick if you want. Use the puppets to accompany the rhyme. You could repeat this activity with other rhymes.
- Playdough - use the recipe from pack 1 to make playdough. Dried pasta or rice can be good to play with especially for pouring and filling. Cooked pasta can be good to play with especially spaghetti.
- Water play - things can be added to the water such as food colouring or bubbles. Containers can be added to the water. Water can be used for mark-making. Squeezy or spray bottles can be used (old washing-up bottles or similar). Brushes can be used (washing-up brushes, paint brushes, make-up brushes etc).
- Role-play - this can be very basic with young children. A range of hats, scarves and bags work really well.
- Boxes - boxes provide hours of fun. A large box that a child can sit in can be a range of things; a car, a house etc. A range of boxes that fit inside each other provide a good learning experience. Having boxes and bags allow children to put smaller items inside. If you have photographs of people your children will know these could be hidden in boxes. You could also make things to support other play e.g. cutting a hole in a box could make a tunnel or bridge for cars or trains.
- Mobile Phone - show your child your mobile phone. Listen to the different ring tones, look for numbers and talk about how to dial and end calls. Make your child their own mobile phone by adding paper to a small box. Make the box look like a mobile phone by adding numbers etc. Take turns to call each other on your phones and chat together.
- Sound Box - put toys of things that make a sound in a box e.g. car, sheep, cow, dog etc. Make the sound with your voice and see if your child can find which toy would make that noise.
- Making Sounds - have a range of objects that make sounds e.g. plastic bowls and spoons, pans and spoons, shakers made from empty bottles with rice, pasta or gravel in.
- Mark-making - small children often need large spaces to make their marks. Chalk outdoors is often good. Large paper such as an old roll of wallpaper can also be good.

- Stories - put a photograph of your child on a straw or lolly stick and then add them to the pages of their favourite book. Place the puppet of your child in the picture and then add their name to the words you read.
- Socks - have a selection of different sized, coloured and patterned socks. Allow children to sort the socks and find the pairs. Discuss the size, colour and pattern on the socks. Put string at child height or use a clothes airer to allow children to peg the socks in their pairs.

Useful websites:

[www.bookstart.co.uk](http://www.bookstart.co.uk)

[www.nationalliteracytrust.org.uk](http://www.nationalliteracytrust.org.uk)

[www.ican.org.uk](http://www.ican.org.uk)

## 5 Little Ducks



5 little ducks went swimming one day over the hills and far away,  
 Mother duck said "Quack, Quack, Quack, Quack",  
 But only 4 little ducks came back.

4 little ducks went swimming one day over the hills and far away,  
 Mother duck said "Quack, Quack, Quack, Quack",  
 But only 3 little ducks came back.

3 little ducks went swimming one day over the hills and far away,  
 Mother duck said "Quack, Quack, Quack, Quack",  
 But only 2 little ducks came back.

2 little ducks went swimming one day over the hills and far away,  
 Mother duck said "Quack, Quack, Quack, Quack",  
 But only 1 little duck came back.

1 little duck went swimming one day over the hills and far away,  
 Mother duck said "Quack, Quack, Quack, Quack",  
 And 0 little ducks came swimming back.

0 little ducks went swimming one day over the hills and far away,  
 Daddy duck said "Quack, Quack, Quack, Quack",  
 And 5 little ducks came swimming back.