

Learning through play activities

During the reception year the children access a variety of learning through play activities. We have collated some ideas that your child may enjoy at home:

Make a Lego model of your home and family.	Have a tea party with your family and toys (indoors and outdoors).	Collect sticks and twigs and things that you may find in the forest then make something wonderful!	Cook or bake with family members. Can you make dinner for everyone?	Go and climb some trees.
Make some musical instruments with things you find around the home.	Play with some small world toys.	Water play!! Indoors or out? Washing up? If warm, water fight?	Create something using the recycling or things you find in your house.	Use water and a paintbrush to decorate your house and fence. No long lasting effect!
Make a den. Is it a castle or a boat or maybe a spaceship?	Play with playdough and if you don't have any maybe you could make some.	Play a board game with your family.	Paint, paint, paint and paint some more!	Play dress up with your family and pretend to be anything you want – doctors, teachers, vets, superheroes, you decide...
Find some of your favourite music and dance along!	Play in the garden, play with mud and water. Make some mud pies!	Play with some puzzles, can you get quicker at completing them?	Plant some seeds. Take care of them and watch them grow.	Draw a picture of what you've been doing today!

Feel free to add your own ideas – the children are the best creators of play!

'Play is our brain's favourite way of learning'