

### Communication & Language

- Read stories with repeated refrains that your child can anticipate and join in with.
- Play games like *Simon Says* to help your child follow instructions.
- Draw pictures with your children and take turns telling stories about the pictures.

### Religious Education

- Talk about celebrating. What celebrations have you and your child enjoyed? Who was there? What occasions have you celebrated in church or in another place of worship?
- Tell your child the Easter story, there are lots of videos available on youtube.
- Make an Easter garden and talk about the signs of Spring and new life that you could include, like spring flowers and chicks.

### Literacy

- Read with your child as often as you can.
- Take the time to show your child ways that adults use reading and writing every day. Shopping lists, notes to the teacher, maps, and cooking for example.
- Reread favourite books to provide an opportunity to hear or see something that may have been missed the first time, and provides another chance to hear a favourite part.

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Try to give your child your full attention, listening and explaining things to them. This will help them learn how to talk and behave with others.
- Help your child work through disagreements with other children by providing them with the words and phrases they need eg. "I don't like it when ..." or "Please may I have a turn with...?"
- Play board games and provide other play opportunities to support turn taking and following rules.



### Mathematics

- Play board games like snakes and ladders to develop early number skills. Using spotty dice helps children to recognize how many are in a set without counting, a useful skill for estimating and understanding number.
- Incorporate mathematics into everyday routines and activities: tidying up and meal times in particular provide opportunities for conversations about counting, comparing, time, and sharing.
- Talk about and name 3D shapes when you come across them.

### Physical Development

- Play Hop Scotch and create targets to throw balls at.
- Practice large arm movements by letting your child help with cooking, mixing, rolling pastry, scooping and scraping out the bowl.
- Encourage your child to dress themselves, when you are not in a hurry. You could challenge them to fasten one button, then two...

### Understanding the World

- Go for walks in the park, around town or in the countryside and talk with your child about what they see.
- Have a go at growing seeds. Encourage your child to help in the garden, they will discover all kinds of exciting things!
- Support your child when using technology— ICT in Schools <https://ictinschools.org/home-school-free-resources/> has some useful ideas and advice on online safety.

### Expressive Arts & Design

- Encourage your child to make collages and models from junk or natural materials—Mr Maker has some great videos to inspire them!
- Read stories and watch films to fire your child's imagination and talk about them.
- Sing and make up songs to help your child with transition times (like getting up in the morning) and when he or she is reluctant to do something (like cleaning up).