

## Home Learning Activities

### Nursery

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Hello Nursery, I hope you're all okay.

I have written some ideas down for your parents to do with you at home. Remember these are just ideas! I don't expect you to do them all. If grown-ups would like to send any work/photos or have any queries this week, please send them to [nursery@westacreinfantschool.co.uk](mailto:nursery@westacreinfantschool.co.uk) and I will reply within school hours.

Thank you!

### **Outdoor Learning (This can be done across the week)**

*For this activity you will need some water and a container of some sort. This could be a plastic lid, paper plate, muffin tray, cake tin anything you have around the home.*

The outdoor challenge this week is to make a frozen sun catcher.



You can use absolutely anything in your DIY frozen sun catchers, as long as it's small enough to fit in the ice. I recommend only using natural supplies that will naturally decompose over time and not cause any issues for animals if they consume them. Therefore this week I would like you to have a look and collect any of the following things on a winters walk or maybe in your garden.

Pinecones /Pine needles /Leaves /Twigs /Acorns /Pebbles /Bird seed /Orange/ lemon slices / Berries (Remember we don't eat wild berries.)/Evergreen /Petals/flowers

**Method:** (Make sure a grown up helps you with this.) Once you have your ingredients collected, you'll want to choose your containers. Be advised that the bigger and deeper your container, the longer it will take to freeze. Fill your container with the required amount of water. Try to keep the water shallow so that the sun catchers freeze faster, aren't too heavy to hang and are thin enough to allow sunlight to pass through them. Once you have water in your container, add the natural elements you collected to the water in any design of your choosing. Create shapes with the items or lay them out in any design of your choosing. If possible, make the sun catchers in a place you can leave them to freeze. For extra fun, add a few drops of food colouring to make a rainbow of beautiful colours in your frozen sun catchers! And if you want to hang your sun catcher from tree branches or on a window sill, make sure you add a small piece of string or ribbon half out of the ice in a loop so that it will freeze in place giving you a built-in hanger for your sun catcher. Once you have made your design ask a grown up if you can either leave it to freeze outside or place it in the freezer. Once frozen take out of the container and hang up. Don't forget to take a picture so I can see how you got on!

## Literacy-

Watch or read the story: Winter is here <https://youtu.be/anByRvtTrDE>

What happens in the story?

What is your favourite part of the story?

Who is your favourite character in the story?

Can you try to retell the story just by looking at the pictures?

### Thursday's Challenge:

What animals can you see in the story?

What does the person in the story wear in winter?

What does the wind do in the story?

What colour is winter in the story?

What season comes after winter?

### Creative:

Can you paint a tree and use your fingers to decorate the branches with snow?

### Physical (This can be done across the week)

Can you practice getting dressed and undressed with only a little help from your special adult.

You could continue to practice putting your coat and shoes on and off by yourself. Maybe you could try to put on gloves, hats and scarves on your own too.

### Thursday's challenge:

Grown-ups encourage your child to move their bodies in different ways.

Can you stretch their bodies to reach up to the ceilings?

Can you curl up into a small ball?

## Fine Motor

In Nursery we use playdough to help develop the children's fine-motor skills. This is a simple playdough recipe that we use at Nursery, there are several other recipes available online.

*Playdough Recipe to make at home.*

- 8 tbsp plain flour
- 2 tbsp table salt
- 60ml warm water
- food colouring
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil

### Method

1. Mix the flour and salt in a large bowl. In a separate bowl mix together the water, a few drops of food colouring and the oil.
2. Pour the coloured water into the flour mix and bring together with a spoon.
3. Dust a work surface with a little flour and turn out the dough. Knead together for a few minutes to form a smooth, pliable dough. If you want a more intense colour you can work in a few extra drops of food colouring.
4. Store in a plastic sandwich bag (squeeze out the air) in the fridge to keep it fresh.

### Thursday's Challenge:

Can you make some patterns in the playdough so it looks like footprints in the snow?

What other marks can you make?

### Maths

*For this activity you will need to use items from around the house. This could be toys, block socks, buttons anything grown-ups think is appropriate.*

Can you sort out your toys according to colour. For Example: Can you put all the yellow cars in one pile, or the red buttons in one pile.

(See below picture for an example.)

Can you count out how many items you have in each pile?

Can you name all the colours that you used?

How else can you sort your items?



I hope you have lots of fun doing these activities.

I look forward to seeing how you have got on.

I miss you all!

Miss Price