

## Home Learning Activities

### Nursery

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January

Hello Nursery, I hope you're all okay.

It's Friday, what do we do on a Friday? Yes that's right the Friday dance! Can you show your family how to do the Friday dance?

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-**

Read your favourite story at home with a grown-up.

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?

### **Creative:**

Can you draw a picture of your favourite story and tell a grown up all about your picture?

### **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.

### **Friday's challenge:**

Can you kick or throw a 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.*

### **Friday's Challenge:**

Can you make your playdough so it looks like food?

Can you use a knife and fork and cut up the food you have made?

## 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.*

Today, can you sort out your toys according to size? Can you sort them into BIG, MEDIUM and small?

(See below picture for an example.)



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

Can you use other words to describe the size of each item? For example; bigger and smallest. Can you think of any other words?

I hope you have lots of fun doing these activities.

Have a lovely weekend.

I look forward to seeing how you have got on doing these activities.

I miss you all!

Miss Price