

Ideas to support learning at home



Early years is all about learning through play.

Read stories, sing songs, paint pictures and display them, play and if you have any spare time here are a few ideas:

- Hide some cuddly toys and go on a Bear/doggy/dinosaur hunt- read the story if you have it!
- Make up your own version of The Hungry Caterpillar with your favourite foods
- Make a sound bag - put some things that begin with the same sound in a bag and pull one out at a time - bear, ball, bubbles, button, biscuit, butterfly.....
- Use those objects to make up a story together
- Go on a sound hunt around the house
- Put the sound objects on a tray and cover - remove one and guess what is missing (Kim's game)
- Go on a shape hunt around the house square, circle, triangle, rectangle- play Kim's game...
- Put a group of objects of different colours or types in a big mixing bowl or washing up bowl- use big spoons to pick out and count all the red ones, all the dinosaurs.....all the big ones.....
- Practise putting your shoes on and off how many times can you do it in 3 minutes?
- Dress up
- Make your own playdough together
- Make up some jars of red, yellow and blue paint- explore the colours they make when you mix them
- If you can go on a bug hunt
- Freeze some small toy animals in ice and watch it melt
- Try matching up pairs of socks

Whatever you do have fun!

More ideas: <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>