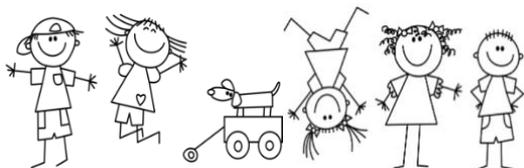




Fun with the School Readiness & Childcare Team



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There's lots happening at this time of year, including a week of recycling, the start of Autumn, the Big Draw and Halloween.

Have fun trying some of these ideas with your children during this time!

September 8th: International Literacy Day

- Share a book to enjoy together.
- Visit the local library and choose books together.
- Read anything and everything - the post, subtitles on the TV, the cereal packet - let your child see you read.



September 20th – 26th: Recycle Week

- Set up a recycling station in your house and encourage your child to sort the recycling into piles.
- Talk to your child about recycling and taking care of the world around them.
- Save a cardboard box, a cardboard tube and a plastic bottle and try some of the things on our activity sheets.

September 21st: Autumn begins

- Try and catch a leaf as it falls from a tree - it's trickier than you think!
- Go for a walk and kick the leaves, or use the 'I spy in the Autumn' sheet.
- Find a stick and make a 'leaf kebab' by pushing the leaves onto your stick.





October 1st - 31st: The Big Draw Festival

- Draw, draw and draw some more! It's great for hand eye coordination and improves children's artistic and creative skills.
- Draw a picture of someone you know, your pet, or whatever pops into your head!

October 1st: World Smile Day

- Do a small act of kindness to make someone smile: help carry their bags, draw a picture, pick some flowers, or sing them a song - just a few ideas.
- Smile at everyone you meet! - a smile is catching and makes you, and them happy.
- Remember to brush your teeth for a pearly white, sparkling, smile!



October 16th: World Singing Day

- Sing your favourite song, sing it loudly, sing it quietly, sing it slowly, sing it quickly.
- Learn a new song from a grown up or one of your friends
- Make up a new song and teach it to someone else.

October 31st: Halloween

Keep an eye out for our special "Half Term Halloween Fun" bulletin in October!



*Whatever you choose to do with your children this Autumn,
keep safe and have fun!*



Fun Ideas for Under 5s!

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Fun with Boxes

0-1 years...

Poke some holes in the side of a box. Lay your child safely in the box. Shine a torch through the holes.



1-2 years...

Give your child some crayons and let them experiment with mark making and drawing on, or in the box.

2-3 years...

Put a cushion into a large box and place a blanket on top. You have created a cosy place to play!



3-4 years...

Let their imagination run wild! A box can be a robot, a boat, a plane, a car or a house. Make-believe has no limits!



These activities will help your child to...

- * Develop little and big muscles. Children like to explore with their senses by feeling, seeing and hearing
- * Develop their vocabulary with words like: splish, splash, splosh, drip, drop, full, empty, half, soggy, pour, float, sink, under

Have fun whilst learning!



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Fun with Tubes

0-1 years...



Roll cars, rolled up paper, balls or socks and other toys down the tubes.

1-2 years...

Threading cardboard beads, cut up sections of tubes and thread onto shoes lace, string, ribbon etc.



2-3 years...

Turn your toilet and kitchen rolls into animals or people.



3-4 years...

Make yourself some binoculars using 2 tubes sellotaped together...happy exploring!



These activities will help your child to...

- * Develop small muscles
- * Develop attention and listening skills
- * Challenge their ability
- * Use their imagination
- * Practise mark making

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Fun Ideas for Under 5s!

Water play with empty plastic bottles

0-1 years...



Float little bottles in the water at bath time and watch them bob up and down and bubble with your baby.

1-2 years...

Use your empty washing up bottle for bath time squirting fun!



2-3 years...



Make holes in the lid of a bottle to make a watering can. Use it in the bath, to water the plants, or to cool down on a hot day.

3-4 years...

Make a bubble blower by cutting the end off a plastic bottle. Dip in bubble mixture and blow through.



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I-Spy in the Autumn

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Conker



Acorn



Orange Leaf



Daddy Long Legs



Spider



Spider Web

