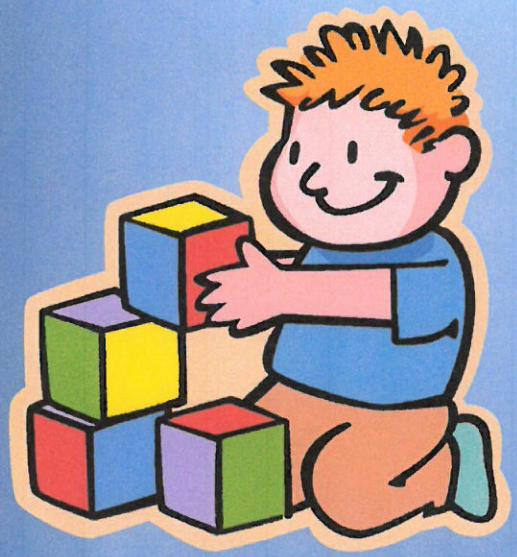


Learning at Home

A guide to supporting your child's education at home

Children do not start learning just because they have started school; they have been actively developing skills, acquiring language and understanding the world in which they live. Watching children as they play enables adults to fully understand where a child is in their learning to ascertain next steps for learning. Enjoy participating in these activities; and many more beside, and let us know how your child is getting on.

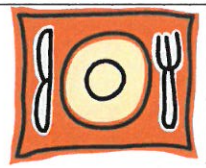
Suggested Learning Opportunities at Home		
Activity	**Learning Opportunity**	**Observations**
Share a book Story book Information book Comic / magazine Book of worship Newspaper Recipe book	Look at the front cover Share the title, Read the blurb on the back, Read the text to your child. Can your child join in with any of the words? Ask your child what they think might happen in the story? Why do they think that? Ask your child who the characters are in the book. Does your child like the book? Why? What is their opinion of the illustrations? Can they tell you what happened in the beginning or at the end?	

Bake a cake Biscuits Bread Scrambled eggs Sandwiches Soup	What ingredients will you need? How do you know? Why do we need to keep the butter in the fridge? What do you need to do to your hands? Why? How many eggs will we need to crack? Let your child have a go at cracking them? How do we know how much flour to use? Can you read the scales? What numbers can you see? What does the sugar feel like? Does it feel as same as the flour? What makes you say that? How many cakes do you think we will make? Why will I not let you put this in the oven? Look at the clock, we will need to get the cakes out at**? Where do you think the hands will be on the clock? Who shall we make the cakes for?	

Enjoy a bath Sing songs - 5 Little Ducks, The Little Green Frog, 12345 once I caught a fish, Toys – beakers, sieves, colanders, ducks, sea creatures. Bubble bath, shaving foam, sponges and flannels	What temperature is the water? What has happened to the bubble bath as the water flows from the taps? Why do you think that? Can you wash your…(hands, feet, knees, elbows, cheeks, etc)? Why is it important for us to wash our body? What would happen if we didn't wash? Can you fill this cup? What happens to the cup when you pour all the water out? Can you write your name in the shaving foam? Can you draw a picture of me on the side of the bath? What can we do with this sponge?	

Plant some flowers	Look at these seeds, What do they look like? How many do you think there are? where do you think we should plant them? Why? What do you think will happen to them? What do you think it will need to grow? Why is that? What do you think would happen if we forgot to give them water? Do you think the garden creatures will like them? Shall we watch and see what creatures are attracted to the plant. How long do you think it will take for the plant to grow? How big do you think the plant will grow? How could we measure it? Shall we draw a diagram of the seed and keep a diary of it as it grows?	

Visit the lake	Do you think we will see many geese today? Why? Do you think the birds prefer a warm day or a cool one? Why? What type of weather do you prefer? Look there are the goslings, how many can you see? I think those goslings are getting a little older, do you? Why? Look at that grass why do you think it is so long? What sounds can you heard as you walk near the waters edge? Why must you not run away from me near the lake?	

Set the table 	Do you think you can lay the table for me? We will need enough knives, forks and spoons for everyone? How many spoons will we need? How many forks will we need? How many knives will we need? How many pieces of cutlery is that altogether? Can you carry the drinks to the table please?	