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Play is young children's learning. As you play and talk with your child you are helping them to build the foundations for all future learning.

You will know your child's levels of concentration and language best and you need to adapt all these activities to meet their developmental stage and interests.



Letters and Sounds: For three-and four-year olds. 'Roly Poly'

This game will help your child's listening skills by playing with contrasts in rhythm, speed and volume. Your child will also practice keeping in time to the beat, and copy sounds and actions. Say the words and model the actions:

Roly poly, roly poly,
Up, up, up
Roly poly, roly poly,
Down, down, down
Roly poly, roly poly,
Fast, fast, fast
Roly poly, roly poly,
Slow, slow, slow ...

Increase the speed of the action as you increase the speed of the rhyme. Add in new verses, such as:

Stamp ... your ... feet ... ever ... so ... slowly
Stamp ... your feet faster.

Together think of new sounds and movements to be incorporated into the song.



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Laundry Matching Socks

Together collect all the socks from the clean laundry. Compare the size of different socks using mathematical vocabulary such as big and small or bigger and smaller. Find the biggest sock and the smallest sock. Sort the socks by colour by putting all the red socks or all the blue socks together. How many ways can you and your child find to group the socks?

Look at all the different patterns and describe what you see. How many socks are there with spots, stripes, bows, pictures, one colour, two colours?

Order the socks by size from the biggest to the smallest. Together match the socks in pairs and join them together.

Sort out who the pairs belong to and put them away. By turning this everyday activity into a play activity, you are supporting your child to use lots of mathematical skills and modelling lots of vocabulary.



Puppet Making

Use socks to make a family of puppets, add hair bobbles, ribbons, string or wool to make

features. Together make up names for your puppet family, talk about their favourite toys or books. Tell a story together. As you play together you will be helping your child to develop their imagination, thinking skills, early story-telling and creativity.



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Rhyme: Round and Round the Garden

This rhyme helps children with early counting skills as they count and anticipate the two steps. Waiting for the tickle helps children to learn to wait and adds to the excitement. Start by walking your finger around the palm of your child's hand, then walk up the arm and tickle under the arm. Take it in turns by offering your up turned palm.

Round and round the garden
Like a teddy bear
One step, two step
Tickle you under there!