

Home Learning 21

Play is young children's learning.

Speech, language and communication skills are crucial to your child's overall development. Every time you play and talk with your child you are helping their development.

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.

Rhyme: Dingly Dangly Scarecrow

This will help develop your child's listening skills and get their heart pumping. How high can you jump?

Dingly Dangly Scarecrow

When all the cows are sleeping
And the farmer's gone to bed
Up jumps the scarecrow
And this is what he says!

I am a Dingly Dangly Scarecrow.
With a floppy floppy hat.
I can shake my hands like this.
I can shake my feet like that.



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Inside Obstacle Course

Together plan how you can safely make an obstacle course, maybe with a blanket over a chair to crawl behind, a cushion to step over, a chair to crawl under and a box to get into. Use positional language such as on, off, under, in, out as you describe what your child is doing. Talk about staying safe. Tidy away together. By doing this, you will help your child to plan, problem solve, develop early mathematical skills and have fun.



Letters and Sound Phase One: For three-and-four-year olds. Barney Bear Has A Bag

This game will help boost your child's listening skills and help them to remember the difference between sounds.

Place a bag with the opening facing away from your child. One by one place between 4 and 6 familiar noisy objects such as keys, crisp packet or a squeaky toy into the bag, pausing to name each one and demonstrate the sound it makes. Sing to the tune of "Old MacDonald's Farm" and use your own name or a child's name.

"Barney Bear ...has a bag eei eei o
And in that bag, he has a ..."

Stop and ask your child to listen as you handle an object and make a noise. Encourage your child to guess what it is. Continue song and imitate the sound using voices.

"With a zzz zzz here and a zzz zzz there..."

Numeral Hunt

On your daily walk select a numeral 1, 2 or 3, and search for the numeral on doors, car registrations, buses and advertising. Match the numeral with the quantity by showing different finger patterns. How many numerals can you spot? Talk about what you see. For older children, what is the largest numeral you can see?



As you talk about numerals you will be helping your child to begin to recognise number symbols and to begin match quantities to a numeral.

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