



Activity Ideas

Hours of fun indoors or in
the garden



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Games Available from:

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/internationalprimarycurriculum-ipc/early-years>

Resource Pack Available from:

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/eyfs-nursery-school-closure-home-learning-resource-pack-t-tp-2549365>

Interactive Learning Pack Available from:

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/eyfs-school-closure-interactive-learning-links-t-tp-2549368>



1. Skittles

You will need:

Plastic water bottles
water
Ball

Activity:

Put a small amount of water in the bottom of the water bottles, just enough to weigh them down, so they don't blow over. Place the lids onto the bottles, and test they knock over easy enough, before you secure or glue the lids. This way it is easier to change the amount of water inside should you need to. You may also like to add a small amount of food colouring or glitter etc. into the water to make the skittles more colourful.

Now they are finished, line the bottles up and see if the children can knock them down by rolling the ball towards them.

Areas of learning covered:

Creative development
Physical development





2. Creating Sensory Smell Bags

This activity is an exciting way for children over the age of three to investigate different smells and explore objects using their senses.

You will need:

Small paper bags/boxes/small pots

Potpourri

Dried herbs

Spices

Activity:

Fill the bags/boxes with an assortment of scented Potpourri (tissues with perfume), different dried herbs and spices, as well as full dried herb leaves and spices such as cinnamon sticks. You may wish to make small labels with the names of the herbs and spices on, make a hole in one end and thread the labels onto the string of the organza bag before tying the bags closed.

The children can select the bags to smell and talk about, what the objects smell like, if the children like or dislike the smell for example. If you are completing this activity with older children you could also talk about

Areas of learning covered:

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Language Literacy and Communication

Personal and Social development

Also, try 'Sound Boxes' – Guess what is inside?



3. Build Your Own Tent

This is a fun indoor or outdoor activity for older children to encourage them to work, problem solve and communicate together as part of a team.

You will need:

A variety of large sheets, blankets or a play parachute for example

Chairs and tables

Clothes 'airers' or other indoor objects

Picnic tables or other larger outdoor objects

Boxes of varying shapes and sizes.

Activity:

Provide the children with a wide range of objects and materials to build a tent, also encourage them to choose their own. Encourage the children to communicate and work together to build their tent and to solve any problems that may occur. Once they have completed their tent the children can use it for their imaginative play. The tent could also be used as an alternative to a home corner, or a quiet story corner. This activity can be used outdoors in the summer, to provide an extra shaded play area.

Areas of learning covered:

Language, Literacy and Communication skills

Physical development

Personal and Social development

Creative development

Physical Development





4. Make Your Own Place Mat

This is a simple activity for children to design their own place mats that they can use at meal times.

You will need:

Coloured card

Camera

Scissors

Various toy catalogues or children's magazines

Glue

Pens/pencils

Laminator and laminating sheets

Activity:

Let the children choose a piece of coloured card, and glue their photo/picture into the centre. Encourage the children to look through the magazines and catalogues and cut out any pictures that they like, for example their favourite toys, animals or their favourite cartoon characters. Children can glue these pictures onto the card, around their photo. Once their collage is finished, laminate it and use it for a place mat at meal times.

Areas of learning covered:

Creative development

Personal and Social development



5. Making “Ten Green Bottles”

This is a simple activity to make ten green bottles that children can use whilst singing the song.

You will need:

Card

Green paint

Blue tac or Velcro (hook and loop tape)

Laminator and laminating sheets

Activity:

Cut ten bottle shapes out of the card. Possibly paint the bottles on both sides using the green paint. Once dry you could laminate the bottles if you wish, to make them last longer. Either attach Velcro or blue TAC to the back of the bottles and stick them to the wall. During group singing time the children can use the bottles whilst singing the song “ten green bottles” and each time a “bottle should accidentally fall” a bottle can be removed off the wall. Then, children can count the remaining bottles on the wall.

Areas of learning covered:

Creative development

Personal and Social development

Mathematical development

Language , Literacy and Communication skills





Action Rhymes and Songs: <https://www.letsplaykidsmusic.com/best-nursery-rhymes-for-toddlers/>

Create Pictures/Posters/Props to add to the songs/rhymes fun ...



SING A RAINBOW



Red and yellow and pink and green, purple



and orange and blue. I can sing



a rainbow, sing a rainbow, sing a rainbow too.

