



### **Reception February half term Homework**

Hello Reception!

Here is a selection of fun, enjoyable screen free activities for you and your family to do during your half term break. We hope you enjoy doing as many of them as you can. You can also go back to our previous home learning sheets to find even more ideas of things to do.

On behalf of all of us in Reception, we hope you all stay safe and well, and enjoy a peaceful, relaxing half term.

Samirah and Romena

Have a go at making some  
pancakes to celebrate  
pancake day.

Use this recipe to help you!



Have a go at writing a recipe.

### Maths Walk:



Go on a Maths walk, look around your home or outside when you go for a walk to see how many numbers, shapes and symbols you can find. Record how many you find on a piece of paper.



### You will need:

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup water
- Food colouring (optional)



## Method

1. Mix together the flour and salt in a large mixing bowl.
2. If desired, add 5-10 drops of food colouring to 1 cup of water.
3. Stir the water into the flour and salt in the large bowl.
4. Roll out the dough on a flat surface and knead it together. It should be soft and pliable.
5. Make models and ornaments.

### Make your own music!



Create a musical instrument using junk modelling.

### **Guitar Crafts** that kids can make



Draw instructions on how to make the instrument for somebody else to follow.



### Make your own watercolour paint using this recipe:



### **Make your own watercolor paint at home:**

#### you will need:

- Baking soda
- Food colouring
- Water
- An ice cube tray

#### Method:

- Begin by filling each slot of the ice cube tray roughly 3/4 of the way with baking soda.
- Add 1-2 drops of food coloring to each slot, using varying colors as you go.
- Then, slowly begin to add water to each slot and gently mix.
- As you add water the baking soda will dissolve.
- Finish the slots with more baking soda, slowly adding more and gently mixing until you have a really thick consistency with minimal residual water.
- From here you can leave the watercolor cakes out to dry, or you can pop the tray in the freezer for faster results.
- Drying out of the freezer may take up to 24 hours, but in the freezer the watercolor cakes will be set in 3-4 hours.

### Fun exercises to do at home with children from cbeebies!

While we are at home, it can be difficult to find things to do with children to keep them active at home. Have a look at some easy ways to get your children moving.

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### Traffic Lights:

Play the traffic light game- get the children to help create a set of traffic lights. Ask your child to run around the garden/outdoor space, when you point to a colour on the traffic light they have to do the following:

- Green- run
- Orange- walk slowly
- Red- stop or freeze where they are

You can extend this by adding in different colours or actions e.g. jog on the spot/star jumps.



	Once the watercolor cakes are set you will be left with <b>beautifully vibrant paints</b> that children can use again and again! All you need is a bit of water and a few brushes!	
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## Listening and Sound Games

**BBC Listening Skills** - a series of videos to support sound discrimination skills.

**Copy Cat** - clap out different rhythms at different speeds and ask your child to copy you.

**Soft or Loud?** - use instruments or other objects to make loud or soft/quiet noises. Ask your child if the sound they heard was quiet or loud.

**Simon Says** - give your child instructions e.g. Simon says clap your hands. If 'Simon says' they have to do the action if you just say the action without saying 'Simon says' they have to continue doing the previous action Simon said they should do.

**Musical statues** - when the music plays, you dance. When the music stops you have to freeze.

**Magical Sound Box** - Put different objects, such as keys, paper, beans in a bottle, etc., into a covered box, and then manipulate one of the objects asking a child to tell you what he or she heard. You might need to introduce the child to different objects and sounds before playing this game.

**What animal made that sound?** - Have your child sit with his or her back to you, or put a scarf over his or her eyes. Make different animal sounds and have your child guess what animal makes that sound. Another way of playing this game is to give your child two animal toys or pictures of animals, and then ask him or her to point to the animal that makes the particular sound.

**Phonics Bloom** - sound discrimination game.

Phonics bloom has lots of fantastic phonics activities that cater to a wide range of activities.

## **Sensory Activities:**

### **1. Rainbow Rice**

Have a go at making some rainbow rice. The instructions for how to make it are here:

<https://theimaginationtree.com/diy-neon-rainbow-rice/>

Use the colourful rice for sorting, scooping, mixing - anything you like. Be creative and use your imagination. If you have some glue and paper you could even make a rainbow glue collage!

### **2. Wellbeing Sensory Song**

Talking about our feelings and supporting mental health. Our old friend Rebecca is back again, with a song about some of the different ways you can support children's mental health and wellbeing by taking a sensory approach. Have a look at her latest

video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuHGiyS1p3g>

### **3. The smelly-tasty game.**

You will need a selection of food items and a blindfold. First, have a go at seeing if you can identify the different items by smelling them with the blindfold on, then removing the blindfold to choose what the smell was. If you are an expert at that, try doing the same but with your sense of taste.

Compete with someone in your house to see who has the best sense of smell or taste. This game is also a very good way to help your children get their 5 a day!