



Reception Homework

October Half Term 2020

Hello Reception!

Here is a selection of fun, enjoyable 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.

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

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Halloween pictures:



Draw and decorate a Halloween picture.

What will you use?
Talk about your picture?

Diwali cards:



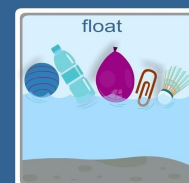
Make a Diwali card for somebody special. Decorate it, write a short message inside and give it to the person.

Explore floating and sinking:

Explain to your children the meaning of floating and sinking. Fill up a bowl/sink, provide your child with a range of objects to explore. Which ones float and which ones sink.

Ask them why they think they float/sink? Keep a record of the objects that float and sink (this could be using pictures or written)

FLOATING & SINKING



Make your own music!

Create a guitar using a plastic tub with elastic bands wrapped around it.

Draw instructions on how to make a guitar for somebody else to follow.



Make your own playdough using this recipe:

2 cups of plain flour, one cup of salt, a tablespoon of oil, a cup of water (add gradually), a couple of drops of food colouring (optional) and a teaspoon of cream of tartar (optional, but it will make it last longer)

Use the playdough to make something!



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.

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/fun-exercises-to-do-at-home-with-kids?xtor=ES-211-\[31660_PANUK_SOT_WK17_S_NO_Send2Website_RET\]-20200428-\[cbeebies_funexercisestoathomewithkids_children\]](https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/fun-exercises-to-do-at-home-with-kids?xtor=ES-211-[31660_PANUK_SOT_WK17_S_NO_Send2Website_RET]-20200428-[cbeebies_funexercisestoathomewithkids_children])

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.



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=vuHGYS1p3g>

3. Textured Letters and Numbers

Using a glue stick, write out a letter, number, name or even one of our red words onto some card or paper. Then, you can use either sand, glitter, rice or anything "sprinkly" to cover up the glue. Tip off the extra that doesn't stick and you have a sensory letter or number tile. These are particularly useful for helping with forming some of the trickier letters and numbers. Once it dries, trace your finger around the sensory letter tile to get a feel for the correct way to form the shape - then have a go at writing with a pencil, crayon or felt tip.

4. 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!

5. Make your own Lemonade!

Rainy day mum has a fantastic recipe for making homemade Lemonade. Have a go at making some yourself - <https://rainydaymum.co.uk/homemade-lemonade/> What could be better than enjoying a cold glass of lemonade while the weather is warming up?

Don't forget to take pictures or record videos of you and your family enjoying our half term activities. If you'd like, send them to the school's email address and have them showcased on our Twitter page!