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Hello everyone!

Here's some ideas for what to do at home with your child.

We've been thinking about what the children love doing when they are at Lillian de Lissa Nursery.

The fantastic news is - your child learns through play- play makes them happy - and feeling happy is proven to make the learning stick in their brains too!

If you have a go at any of the activities we'd love to see a photo. You can send them to s.appadu@ldelissa.bham.sch.uk



1 Make a paper plane.

You'll need a piece of paper - ordinary A4 is great. Watch the video if you need guidance. A bit of sellotape will help hold it together across the top but it's not essential.

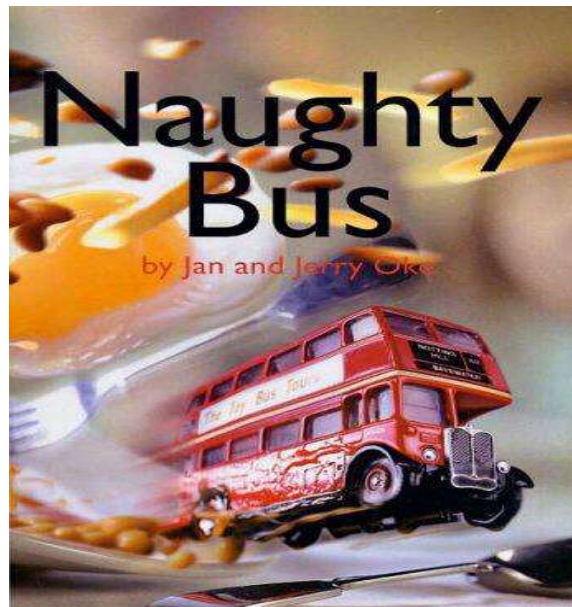
<https://youtu.be/r9ReNKZiZNc>

That's just the start...

You and your child can draw on the piece of paper to decorate it. It'd be brilliant if you could make one too - children LOVE it when adults join in - it makes them feel that what they are doing is important because you're doing it too and..let's face it ..flying a paper plane is FUN for everyone- get the whole family involved.

Next - find somewhere to fly your plane - indoor or outdoor - how far away can it fly? Whose plane flies the furthest away?

Remember to praise your child's efforts and to have fun!



2 At Nursery we have special books - our VERY favourite books that we keep in a book bag on the wall. Ask your child about the bags on the wall - all the children love those stories! Each group has a different bag every half term so that your child has experienced a range of fantastic books. Every week we'll post a link to one of the books we know that the children love.

This week it's Naughty Bus. There aren't any drawings in this book - it's all photos. A bus that takes a journey through a house- including through a plate of baked beans! Oh no!

<https://youtu.be/ZWkyW4JboBY>

Perhaps you have a little toy car or bus at home that you could take photos of with your phone in different places in your home as it travels around? This could be your very own Naughty Bus/Car story. How special! Ask your child for ideas about where to put the car/bus- especially if it

gets mucky! Show your child the sequence of photos of the story that you have made and tell the story together.

Please have a look at our Facebook page - we have put videos of keyworkers reading rhymes and stories that the children love.

It can be relaxing to watch them together and learn the rhymes that often have actions. Did you know that listening to stories and rhymes is the most important experience to help your child to learn to read? Research backs that up. It's wonderful!



3 Did you know that you can make playdough at home? It's simple, cheap and children learn so much from making it and then playing with it. There's a film of one of our teachers making it on the Lillian de Lissa Facebook page.



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How to make playdough.

Here's an idea for what to do at home with your child- playdough... See more



Here is the recipe and the instructions:

You will need:

2 small cups of flour

1 small cup of salt

2 cups of hot water (from the kettle that you boiled a while ago- not boiling but steam should still be coming off it)

A spoonful of cream of tartar (you can find it by the baking powder in the shop near the flour)

A spoonful of oil.

A few drops of food colouring if you have it. Not essential!

Put the flour, salt, cream of tartar in a bowl. Your child can stir it together.

What does it look like?

Does it look like playdough yet?

No? Oh dear!

Tell your child that you're going to put the hot water in and it's dangerous for them- **TOO HOT!** We need to be very, very careful. Only the grown up can do this next bit. Move the bowl away from them to where they can't reach and add the hot water, oil and stir round and round.

Show your child the sticky mess but don't let them touch it yet- does it look like playdough yet? No?

What does it look like? (Messy? Yucky? Disgusting? Like porridge?)

Keep stirring - it should start to stick together. Bring it together with your hands - if it's very sticky add a little bit of flour and put it on a surface.

Show your child.

Does it look like playdough yet?

Yes? Yes!

Depending on how hot it is you can cut off a little bit for your child to play with safely. Because children have thinner skin than adults it will still feel quite hot to them. If you're not sure let the little bit cool down more before they handle it. If it's as warm as a bath it's fine - and they will still get the experience of the warmth.

Does it stay warm forever or does it cool down? Keep playing with it - see how it changes. Give your child more playdough to play with.

At Lillian the children love cutting up the playdough with cutlery knives with adult supervision - the same as the knives they cut their dinner up with and mashing with forks.

Why is this a fantastic activity for your child to do?

Physical development, science, language!

Teaches your child about safety too.

Rolling, squeezing and pinching the dough is good for their finger muscles.

Children observe change - the dry ingredients to wet to dough, the warm dough to cold - texture and temperature.

It's sociable - your child will LOVE playing with the playdough alongside you or with siblings.

Fun stimulates language - messy, sticky, hot, cold. Can you make a ball, roll a snake?

You can keep this playdough for a few days- in a Tupperware container or wrap it in clingfilm to stop it from drying out.

Have fun!

We're going into a second national lockdown. This time Lillian de Lissa will be open for everyone and we will make things feel as normal as possible for your child.

If you are struggling in any way please do talk to us. We can put you in touch with people who can help and of course we will always listen.

And guess what? We have a new website which has more home learning links as well as some useful websites which act as a support to parents in these challenging times. Here is the website address of Lillian de Lissa Nursery School;

<https://lilliandelissa.sch.life/>

Please ring if you need help or advice with anything - we're just a phone call away.

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Kind regards,

All the team at Lillian de Lissa Nursery School