

Ideas for younger children to do at home!

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Project 1:

Plan a teddy bear's picnic:



Ask your child who they'd like to invite (which toys) and plan the party together.

- Make a list of games and food
- Make hats or costumes for the teddies – measure together and use the opportunity to discuss size, length and height of the bears/ toys.
- Ice some biscuits or make fairy cakes
- Learn and sing the song 'The teddy bear's picnic'
- Write invitations to their toys.
- Pretend teddy is having a birthday and make him cards/ presents. Your child could even print their own wrapping paper and wrap a homemade present themselves.

Project 2

Make fruit or vegetable kebabs

Let your child carefully cut different fruits (pineapple, melon, cheese, kiwi all work well but use any fruits of foods your child will enjoy)

- Encourage them to try something new. Explore the new tastes and discuss likes/ dislikes.
- Let your child assemble the kebabs on skewers – this is really good for their fine motor development.
- Talk about the colours and textures.
- Challenge your child to make a repeating pattern. If they aren't sure, start them off and ask them what comes next (eg: 'grape, melon, orange, grape, melon ...?')
- How many pieces of fruit are on your kebab? Are they all the same? Which have more/ less/ most/ least?



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Project 3

Make some Salt dough and get modelling!



<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/how-make-salt-dough-recipe>

- Let your child help to make the dough and involve them in measuring the ingredients
- Let your child play with the dough – it is lots of fun and will help them to strengthen their fingers
- Allow your child to make something that fits in with their current interests – some ideas are: dinosaur fossils using footprints of toys or a salt dough rainbow.
- Once baked and cooled, paint and decorate them.

Project 4

Make a scavenger hunt

- Create a list of things for your child to hunt for (inside and/or outside if you have a garden).
- If the things on your list are small, you could give your child a basket or bag in which to collect the items (eg blade of grass, flower, piece of lego etc)
- Encourage your child to use their phonic knowledge to sound out or predict the words on the list. Help them when necessary but encourage them to try before modelling how to read them.
- Another day, see if your child can make a hunt for you



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Project 5

Bedtime box



- Make a bed for your favourite teddy or doll by decorating an old shoe box or container and finding small bits of fabric for blankets.
- Choose a story that your child knows really well to add to the box – encourage them to tell it to the doll/ teddy every night
- Put a secret note from the toy into the box while your child is asleep – read the note together and encourage them to write back. For example say ‘I loved the story you read me, please can you read it again? What are your favourite songs? Please could you sing me one tonight?’ etc. There are endless possibilities of what you could write (something that will motivate your child).

Project 7

Minibeasts



- Search for bugs under stones, logs and in the soil.
- Make a home for a 'mini-beast' and keep one for a pet for a day or two.
- Draw a picture of it and colour carefully.
- Create a bug home to encourage more insects to visit your garden.