

Home Learning – Just for Fun! No.7

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Activities to do on your daily walk

Play Pooh Sticks

All you need is a stick each and a bridge over a flowing stream. Simply throw your sticks in at the same time on the side of the bridge where the water is flowing underneath it, run to the other side and see whose stick comes out first. You could ask your child questions like *What kind of stick goes fastest? Is it better in the middle or near the sides of the stream?*

Painting with water

Take some water on your daily walks. You could encourage your child to paint on pavements using sticks or other plants as paint brushes. They could also paint on objects that they find like outside walls.

Measure how deep a puddle is

After it has been raining, encourage your child to wear wellies and find different puddles. They could then try and guess how deep a puddle is and then use a stick to measure.

Follow the Leader

Play 'Follow the Leader'. The leader adds a movement or sound to the walk, like an arm motion, a clap, a hop, or so on. Everyone behind has to follow along. Or, to make the game more challenging, have each new leader add a new element while keeping all the old ones going.

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Play charades

This is a popular family game. Charades is a word guessing game. A player acts out a word or phrase, for example, a movie (Finding Nemo) or a book (Harry Potter) while other players guess the word or phrase. Whoever guesses correctly goes next.

Do a dance challenge

On social media huge numbers of people across the world are dancing to a variety of popular songs with upbeat choreography. So why not join in the fun and make up a dance with your family?

Visit Interesting places on your computer

Dive into the Ocean

If you love sea life and the ocean then you can take a virtual tour of marine sanctuaries and ocean habitats, with a collection of dives from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. You can deep dive into coral reefs or explore a shipwreck – all from your laptop or phone and without getting wet!

<https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/vr/?fbclid=IwAR1KXu6PCuOY5F-Vj5jI1AYSZLU1Zne81iTPKu8K5ZG54g1-7vCvAIUd9bc>

Visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art

This site lets children explore the Metropolitan Museum of Art. They can choose a time period (for example 500-1000 A.D), they can select a region (for example Africa or the Middle East) and pick an idea (for example inventions or fashion). They can also watch videos sharing questions like, *“Why does design matter in Arms and Armour?”*

<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/online-features/metkids/>

Cooking Activities

Encouraging children to take a more active role in choosing, preparing and cooking simple meals can help them eat a wider variety of foods. Cooking will also help to develop their maths when they need to measure or weigh. Try some of these recipes on the CBeebies website.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/cooking-and-baking-with-toddlers>