

Busy Learning Time ideas for EYFS children:

Make collections of things in the house that are the same **colour**. Do you know all the colour names? How many things are there for each colour? **Count** carefully! Can you make a rainbow with them? Perhaps you could draw a rainbow too.

Can you **draw** a happy face? Can the children follow your instructions and listen carefully to know what to do? Start with a circle - they are quite tricky to do!

Now draw 2 eyes - one, two

Now draw a nose

What else do we need?

How can we make sure the face looks happy? Can you draw a curved line for a smiling mouth?

You could then extend this by looking in a mirror and seeing how faces change for different **emotions** eg sad, cross, worried, scared

Curved or straight? Can you make your body curved like a banana? Now make it straight.

Curve your arms.... now put them straight. Can you draw a straight line with a pen? How about curved, wavy lines? Can you try zigzags with sharp points next?

How many **numbers** can you spot around the house? Can you find 1,2 and 3? What other numbers do you know? Can Reception children practice some of their **number sentences** eg $6+3=$ Use counters for each number and then see how many there are altogether ... or try **counting on** from the first number.

Can you practise **counting** aloud? Can you try counting backwards from 5... or maybe 10? You could blast off like a rocket when you get to zero!

Do you know what your **name** looks like? Perhaps a grown up can write it out and hide it somewhere in the room. Can you find it? Perhaps they could write their name too. Be careful.... Make sure you find the right name!

Share a **story book** and look carefully at all the pictures. **What** can you see? **Who** are the people in the pictures? **What** are they doing? Do you know **why**?

Can any of the Reception children spot our **tricky words** or **digraphs** in a book at home? How many can you remember how to spell?

Make up stories with your toys. Maybe they go on an adventure

If you have a farm, try to **sort** all the animals into different fields. Perhaps cars in a garage could be parked in groups so that all the same coloured cars are together. Make sure you sort the right furniture for each room in a dolls-house. What else can you sort?

Try **dancing** to some music. Is it fast or slow?

Do you have any children's **scissors** at home to practice your cutting out? Maybe you could cut pictures from a magazine and stick them to make a poster or card. Remember to keep your thumb at the top and to hold the paper with your other hand.

What can you make with lego or other **construction kits**? Can you make a castle or boat or perhaps a car? Have a look at some of the **cbeebies** games online or download an app from the **Hungrylittleminds website**.