

## Learning Around the House Ideas

<p>1. Sprinkle flour on the worktop and draw letters and shapes in the flour</p> <p><b>Learning Focus</b> – Letter formation and hand eye co-ordination</p>	<p>2. Read a story to a pet or a teddy bear. Why not set up a teddy school and have a picnic at lunch time?</p> <p><b>Learning Focus</b> – Reading and Talking about the Pictures</p>	<p>3. Make rubbings of different surfaces in the house – radiators, wood tables, slabs in the garden, etc</p> <p><b>Learning Focus</b> – Fine Motor Skills</p>	<p>4. Follow a simple recipe or instructions e.g. how to make a sandwich Write simple instructions together using First, Next, Then, Finally</p> <p><b>Learning Focus</b> - Writing</p>
<p>5. Make a den using objects around the house. Use a range of language to discuss and describe the den – larger, smaller, thicker, thinner, heavy, light, balance</p> <p><b>Learning Focus</b> – Vocabulary Development</p>	<p>6. Build furniture for a dolls house or a vehicle for a character e.g. Spiderman's Chair or Batman's</p> <p><b>Learning Focus</b> – Gross and Fine Motor Skills Planning Skills</p>	<p>7. Make ramps using books resting on tins etc. at different gradients. Roll a ball or a car down each slope and talk about how fast or far each goes. Why do some go faster than others?</p> <p><b>Learning Focus</b> – Vocabulary</p>	<p>8. Listen to a story online with someone else and discuss what you liked, what you didn't like and anything the story reminded you of.</p> <p><b>Learning Focus</b> – Listening Talking Comprehension</p>
<p>9. Play 'I spy with my little eye, something beginning with...(use the sounds, not the letter names) Or Play 'I hear with my little ear, something beginning with</p> <p><b>Learning Focus</b> – listening and sounds in words</p>	<p>10. Play 1, 2, 3 - A Fun Game for Me Think of a Word - <b>Lolly</b> Think of a word that starts with same sound - <b>lemon</b> Think of a word that rhymes with it - <b>dolly</b> Say the word and clap the syllables (beats) – Lo-lly – 2 beats</p>	<p>11. Make a maze for a teddy bear in the house. Talk about directions and positional language e.g. left, right, backwards, forwards, under, over, beside, underneath</p> <p><b>Learning Focus</b> – Vocabulary</p>	<p>12. Clap and/or tap a simple rhythm and ask someone else to copy it.</p> <p>Swap over.</p> <p><b>Learning Focus</b> – Listening skills</p>
<p>13. Make Playdough 2 cups of flour 1 cup of water 1 cup of salt 1 tablespoon of bicarbonate of soda 1 tablespoon of Dettol! Food Colouring if desired</p> <p>Mix over a low heat until it forms into a ball. Leave to cool.</p> <p><b>Learning Focus</b> - Vocabulary and fine motor skills Try to use words like – stretch, tear, roll, knead, press, twist, shorter, thicker, thinner, longer</p>		<p>14. Make a sign for your bedroom door with your name on it. Practise writing your name – you could write your name in the middle and around the outside as a border.</p> <p><b>Learning Focus</b> – fine motor skills</p>	<p>16. Listen and Draw *Divide a sheet of paper into 6 boxes. *Draw two lines down the page and one line across the page. *In the top left box, draw your favourite animal. In the middle top box, draw your favourite food. In the top right box, draw your favourite toy. In the bottom left box, draw someone in your family. In the middle bottom box, draw any pets you have or would like and in the bottom right box draw your favourite sweetie.</p> <p><b>Learning Focus</b> – Listening skills</p>
<p>15. Make words from bottle tops that have letters written on them.</p> <p><b>Learning Focus</b> – Sounding out</p> 			