

EYFS Easter Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers, we hope that you're keeping safe and well and enjoying this time with your children. This week we thought we would send home some ideas of things that you could do at home, with minimal resources that will support your child's learning and keep them active and occupied! If you have any questions, please email your child's teacher, or if you want to share a photo of your fabulous learning- we'd love to see!

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Why not set up your own egg hunt at home! If you don't have an egg, how about hiding a cake, a toy, or some homemade playdough? Once they have found their treasure, you could encourage your child to hide something for you to find! This is a great activity for supporting early writing, as well as speaking, listening and following instructions.

Physical Development

This week Mrs Gill has been keeping fit and exercising using the Body Coach videos! Why not try them with the whole family? He is live streaming videos every morning at 9am, but they are also saved on this website:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1/playlists>



We also recommend these websites:

Cosmic Kids Yoga

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

Go Noodle

<https://family.gonoodle.com/>

Easter Egg Hunt

1. Read directions
2. Go Easter egg hunting
3. Eat the egg!
4. Hide an egg for a friend
5. Write directions

Rockmyclassroom.com

The **BEST** Playdough

1 cup flour
2 tsp cream of tartar
1/2 cup salt
1 tbsp cooking oil
1 cup water
food coloring

Mix food coloring with your water first. Then add the vegetable oil and water with food coloring to a large pot. Add the dry ingredients to your pot and mix well. Cook over low to medium heat until the dough starts to form and becomes dry. Once it starts to form a ball take off the heat. Once cool, knead for 5 minutes.

thebestideasforkids.com

Playdough is a very popular resource in EYFS and for good reason! It's so versatile and can be open to many different learning opportunities.

For example, children could make models of anything—developing their creative and physical skills. Talking to them about their models also supports their listening and language skills.

Perhaps you could challenge your child to make some chicks! See how many they can make, exploring counting and more/less. Can your child make a nest for their chick? How big does the nest need to be for 6 chicks?



Reading and sharing stories every day is really important for your child's development. Early reading skills can be supported by talking about the characters, what happened at the beginning, middle and end of the story. Can your child predict what will happen next? For Reception children, this can be extended to reading simple sentences and words.

Exploring the garden- we have been so lucky with the weather! If you have the resources, now is a great time to plant some seeds with your children or go on a nature hunt in the garden!

Try a shape hunt at home! Can you give your child a shape to find? Perhaps you could teach them how to take a photo of the item e.g. TV = rectangle. Talk about the features of each shape- "A rectangle has two long sides and two short sides". Challenge them to find as many rectangles as they can! Then move on to another shape.

Spreading Joy

Lots of people all over the world have painted rainbows and displayed them in their windows. Perhaps you could ask the children to paint pictures of things that make them feel happy if they have already painted rainbows.

