

Activity ideas for all areas of learning

The prime areas of learning		
Communication & Language	Physical	PSED
Aspects – 1. Listening & attention 2. Understanding 3. Speaking / communicating	Aspects – 1. Moving (gross motor skills) 2. Handling (fine motor skills) 3. Health & self care	Aspects – 1. Self-confidence & awareness 2. Managing feelings & behaviour 3. Making relationships
Activity ideas include - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Books, comics & stories* CDs* – music, stories Chatting to friends – communication friendly spaces Helping with jobs Jokes Library visits Listening games* – listening lotto, listening walks, recording sounds (ICT) Question & answer games* Role play Sign language Singing and rhymes* Story sets / bags* extend learning Story telling* *Letters and Sounds phase 1	Activity ideas include - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art & crafts – rubbing, stencils Climbing – up & down steps & stairs Construction toys Dancing Fine motor practice – cutting, stickers, glue, pencil control, tracing Hand washing - germs Mark making – chalk, crayons & pencils Outside gross motor skills – bike, scooter, rocker, slide, swing etc Park visits & soft play – climbing, jumping, running, kicking a ball Sewing Threading reels & treading cards Throwing & catching - balls, bean bags & balloons 	Activity ideas include - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Body parts – songs, pointing & naming games Books & games to promote sympathy, understanding of others, empathy Cuddles – tickling games Dressing up Games Group activities – working together to make something, talking in a group Helping with little jobs Meeting / visiting friends Sharing / taking turns – games, with resources Time – to speak & make themselves heard, to be with adults & children, to be alone & daydream, to be bored

The specific areas of learning			
Literacy	Maths	Understanding the world	Expressive arts & design
Aspects – 1. Reading 2. Writing	Aspects – 1. Numbers 2. Shape, space & measures	Aspects – 1. People & communities 2. The world 3. Technology (ICT)	Aspects – 1. Media & materials 2. Imagination
Activity ideas include - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alliteration games* Books* – different sizes, types & shapes Initial sounds games – phonics* Letter shapes – in the air, on paper, outside with chalk, at the easel, with playdough, in salt or sand Poems / poetry* Print in the environment – shops, labels, computer Rhyming games* Signs - words in displays, labels on toy boxes Songs & rhymes* Story telling* – with or without puppets & other resources Writing (not mark making – that's PD) – pencils, crayons, paper, labels, captions, name writing *Letters and Sounds phase 1	Activity ideas include - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooking – weights, measures, time, capacity Counting & numbers Jigsaws – shapes, sizes Matching & sorting Money – shopping, café Number activities, games, books, jigsaws etc Number rhymes – counting forwards & backwards Positional language – up, down, over, under, through, behind, in front Quantity language – heavy, light, more, less Sequencing – colours, shapes, sizes, numbers Shapes – stencils, pictures, freehand, playdough Size – big, small, bigger, smaller, emptying, filling Sorting – size, shape, colour, weight Time – visual timetables Weight – heavy, light – sand & water play 	Activity ideas include - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental awareness – recycling, walks in the woods, map making Equality & disability awareness – small world people, dolls house Experimenting – cooking, finding out how things work Festivals from around the world – themes for over 3s ICT – computer, dance mat, toys that do something, finding out how things work Matching games Messy play – sand, water, gloop, playdough, foam Model making Nature & the natural world – plants, animals Relationships & friendships Role play – home & community influences in pretend play Seasons – time & changes Weather World around us themes 	Activity ideas include - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collages Colour mixing & experiments Colouring sheets Construction & tools Dancing Glue & tape – joining things together, taking them apart Imaginative / pretend – role play, dressing up clothes Malleable & messy play – sand, water, playdough etc Music – CDs, radio, creating with instruments Outings to gain experiences that can be used to develop imagination Painting Rhythm & rhyme Sensory learning Singing songs & rhymes Small world resources – dolls house, little people, farm, under the sea, zoo, cars, trains, insects Textures