

Maths

-Sing counting songs with your child. These will help them to understand number and quantity as well as often encouraging sound production.

We like :

Ten round pumpkins, sitting on the wall,
Ten round pumpkins, sitting on the wall.
And if one round pumpkin,
Should accidentally fall.
There'll be, nine round pumpkins, sitting on the wall.
Nine round pumpkins, sitting on the wall.
And if one round pumpkin,
Should accidentally fall

-For those of you using an iPad with your child we recommend the Critter Math App for early maths skills development.



Pine and Cedar Group Activities for Home Autumn 2015

Understanding the World

- Take time to explore autumn leaves and sticks, collecting some to make a picture.
- Help your child to understand how to operate simple technology in your home such as how to switch on the lights, TV or CD player- and of course how to switch them off!

Expressive Arts and Design

- Take time to paint and make things together using colour, shape and position words to support understanding.



Communication and Language

- Shared attention: in reception we have been practising lots of shared attention activities. In these activities an adult shows the children something exciting such as bubbles to try and engage the children's interest in people. If a person is doing something exciting with something they like children with autism will generally be more interested in that person. Build anticipation, such as really slowly winding up a toy or counting down then letting a balloon fly away - but the most important thing is to make it fun! Keep some toys special for this activity: there is no point sharing them with you if they can have them all to themselves!



Literacy

- Help children with pre-writing skills with activities that help them to develop the strength and coordination needed in their hands and fingers to be able to write. Activities that support this are play dough, threading beads, lego, duplo, and messy play.



- Help children practise writing their names with you. You can write their name in a yellow pen and help them to trace. We also use the 'Write my Name' App and 'Injini Child Development' App to support early tracing.
- Enjoy spending time reading fun stories together - children who take pleasure from story time are much more likely to develop into readers in the future.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- **Taking turns** - encourage your child to take turns with you to play with a favourite activity. It could be anything - an iPad game, a ball, a cuddly toy... Try saying 'My turn' then 'your turn'. Keep your turn short to begin with!
- Help your child to learn to tolerate delay in a calm and safe environment; strategies such as symbols, counting down, sand timers and songs can be very helpful to visually communicate how long the wait will be.

Physical Development

- Show your child different ways of moving their bodies, jumping, running, hopping and rolling, helping them to build confidence in their abilities.
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- Help your child to help themselves to dress and undress.