



Week 11: 1st June 2020

**How to support your child's learning: involve your children in the things you are doing such as household chores. Talk with your children, ask questions and encourage them to ask questions too. Have fun!**

**Activities - Here you will find activity ideas for things you can do at home with your child. Areas covered are: Reading, Phonics, Maths, Writing and Movement.**

**Curiosity & Learning Project - [Space](#) - Help promote your child's curiosity by exploring outer space.**

**Weekly Reading Ideas**

Read a variety of books at home. Favourites can be repeated. Hearing the patterns of language in a story will support your child's language development. **Encourage your child to recall what has happened in the story. Ask them to guess 'What might happen next?' or 'How the story might end?'**

Video Storytime - Watch children's authors reading their books aloud [Video storytime](#).

[Free eBook library](#) - You can find books for your child to read to you on the Oxford Owl website, select 'My class login' and enter user name WDPSREC and password WDPSREC (choose age groups 3-4 or 4-5).

You can find some online stories to read to your child here [Booktrust](#). This site also has games and activities.

The Cbeebies website has some Bedtime Stories your child might enjoy. [Story Time - Stories for kids - CBeebies](#)

You can find online stories here at [Storyline Online Library](#), or [Openlibrary](#). Look for stories starting at suggested grade level K (Kindergarten).

Here are some more short simple stories that you and your child can read together <https://www.uniteforliteracy.com/unite/family/book?BookId=178>

**Weekly Phonics Ideas**

Support your child to practise their Set 1 or Set 2 sounds by accessing the daily RWI Youtube videos that can be found on [Google Classroom](#) or the [WDPS EYFS Page Sounds and Spelling](#)

[Free eBook library](#) - You can find books for your child to read to you on the Oxford Owl website, select 'My class login' and enter user name WDPSREC and password WDPSREC (choose age groups 3-4 or 4-5). You may find that some of the books are tricky for your child, so help them read the sounds or words that they know, and you can read the rest!

Sing Nursery Rhymes and songs together. [BBC Nursery Rhymes](#).

Interactive games - [Phase 1 Phonics I Spy Game | I spy, with my little eye...](#) and [Phase 1 Phonics I Spy Game \(Initial Sounds Game\)](#), [Phase 2 Initial Sound Games](#)

Play [Buried Treasure](#) online on PhonicsPlay.

Play the online game '[Picnic on Pluto](#)' Here you can support your child to use their sound knowledge to blend sounds together to read a word d-i-g 'dig'.

[Space Race](#) Here you can support your child to segment words (breaking words into sounds) to help them to spell simple words.

Support your child to remember their sounds by playing [Phonics: Tic Tac Toe](#).

Play the fun [Teach your Monster to Read](#) game.

## Weekly Writing Ideas

**Name Writing** - Practice name writing. Can they write their first name? Middle name? Surname?

**Sensory Letter Formation** - Support your child to practise writing their sounds and 'word time' words in salt, flour, cornflour - [HOW TO Make Ooblek](#) or shaving foam.

**Matching Game** - Ask your child to write out the tricky words they are working on at the moment on pieces of paper and turn them into a 'pairs game'.

**Playdough** - Make some playdough with your child and encourage them to stretch, pat, poke, roll, squash and squeeze the dough to develop strength in their fingers for writing. [Playdough recipe](#)

**Look for Letters!** - Do a sound scavenger hunt in the kitchen! Give your child a sound to look for on boxes, canned goods, jars—anything with a label.

**Drawing** - Provide you child with pens, pencils or paint so that they can create a picture.

**Writing** - Ask your child to draw a picture and write about a story they have read or a TV show they have seen.

**Encourage** your child by providing them with lots of praise when they use their phonics knowledge to either write a few sounds, write some words or make marks. You can then ask your child to read their writing back to you.

**A little note** - Children don't always write in straight lines at this age.

## Weekly Maths Ideas

**Watch** a clip from [Numberblocks - Series 1: One](#), [Numeracy - CBeebies](#) or [BBC Two - Counting with Rodd, Counting with Rodd 1, The number 3](#)

**Read Maths Stories** [The Doorbell Rang](#), [Hooray for Fish](#) and [Ten in the Bed](#)

**Sing number nursery rhymes** [Five little ducks went swimming one day](#), [Five little monkeys swinging from a tree](#), [Five little speckled frogs](#), [Ten green bottles](#), [Ten fat sausages sizzling in a pan](#)

**Countdown** - Support your child counting backwards [Zoom Zoom Zoom! - CBeebies](#)

**Counting** - Support your child to use their counting skills to play this space game [Space Counting Quiz - CBeebies](#).

Sign up FREE to [The Maths Factor : Homepage](#) website and support your child's maths learning

**Building** Ask your child to use Lego, blocks, cardboard boxes, pillows, any things around the house to build a tower that is the same height as them, taller than them and shorter than them. Learning about measuring [Measuring](#).



**Play** board games, card games [Card Games for Kids](#), dominoes or assemble a puzzle. [Online jigsaw puzzles - CBeebies](#)

## Movement Ideas

- See who can do the most star jumps, hops, or jumps.
- Exercise, Rhyme and Freeze [Exercise, Rhyme and Freeze | Rhyming Words for Kids | Exercise Song | Jack Hartmann](#)
- Heads Shoulders, Knees and Toes [Heads, shoulders, knees and toes](#)
- Unwind with yoga, mindfulness and relaxation with Cosmic Yoga; [Mike and Muttnik on The Moon | A Cosmic Kids Yoga Adventure!](#)
- Play musical statues - dance to your favourite music and when it stops you have to freeze until the music starts again.

## Curiosity & Learning Project

Let's build our knowledge on what we might find in SPACE. Here are some activities that will help you to explore the topic with your child.

### Books

Watch and listen to [Whatever Next](#), [Goodnight Spaceman](#), [How to Catch a Star](#), [Aliens Love Underpants](#), [Roaring Rockets by Tony Mitton & Ant Parker - Children's Story Read Aloud by This Little Piggy](#) or read [Man on the Moon](#) online with your child. **Questions to ask:** Does your child have a favourite story? What characters and events can your child recall. What was their favourite part of the story?

### Songs

- Sing and learn the words and actions to: [Five little men in a flying saucer](#), [Twinkle, twinkle little star](#), [Zoom, Zoom, Zoom: Storytime Song](#), [Rocket into space](#).
- Learn the names of different planets with your child [Planet Song | Preschool | Solar System Song](#), [Space Song Rocket Ride | Barefoot Books Singalong](#), [The Solar System Song](#)

### Literacy

- Ask your child to draw a picture and write about one of the stories that they have read.
- Children could use crayons or paint to make a big space picture, including rockets, planets and astronauts.
- Children could design their own spaceship. Can they describe how the machine would move and label?

**Get messy** Support language, thinking and problem solving with a messy activity such as: [DIY | How to make taste safe moon sand](#)

**Make and Do** Work with your child to create a replica of a planet, a rocket, jet pack or a telescope to look at the moon and stars. [How to Make Paper Mache Planets - 3D Solar System Crafts for Kids](#), [Toilet Roll Craft Rocket - Blast Off!!!!](#), [Make a rocket with Justin - CBeebies](#), [Rocket Jet Pack - CBeebies](#), [How to make a Cardboard Telescope - Craft idea for kids](#),

### Explore Space Online

- Support your child in looking at the Earth from space using the [Google Earth](#) programme and identifying simple features such as water.
- Can you find your home? What does your child notice about the surrounding area?

### Have a Space Themed Party/Picnic

- Support your child to use tin foil to create shiny space suits for their teddies and dolls. They could have a space-themed teddy bear's picnic afterwards where they share the biscuits in the next activity!
- Make yummy star biscuits to share at the picnic. Click [here](#) to find instructions on how to support your child in making simple star biscuits. They could share them at their space themed teddy bear's picnic.