



Whilst at home with your child there are lots of ways you can continue to support your child's educational journey. During their day within the nursery your child has lots of opportunities to deepen their knowledge and broaden their minds through play and phonic and maths activities. It is important to continue to play with your child during their break from the nursery. Play does not necessarily have to involve typical toys, but can also mean them helping you with everyday tasks. For example, get your child to help you make lunch for the family. Talk about what you will need from the cupboard, how many plates you will need and continue to challenge them and question them throughout the task and day. Simple tasks such as counting how many steps you are taking up to bed will help them to develop and learn.

There are some links in the table below for you to take a look at and pick some activities from:

Useful websites	<a href="https://www.twinkl.co.uk/">https://www.twinkl.co.uk/</a> <a href="https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/">https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/</a> <a href="https://foundationyears.org.uk/">https://foundationyears.org.uk/</a> <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/</a> <a href="https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome/grades-prek-k.html">https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome/grades-prek-k.html</a>
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If you do not have access to the internet you could also check the TV schedule for when educational programmes are showing such as Numberblocks on CBeebies. You could also use some of the items you may already have in your cupboards to make things like playdough and slime. Please see the recipe below so that you can engage in your own messy play:

<p><b><u>Easy Playdough Recipe</u></b></p> <p>You will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8 tbsp plain flour</li><li>• 2 tbsp table salt</li><li>• 60ml warm water</li><li>• food colouring (optional)</li><li>• 1 tbsp vegetable oil</li></ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mix the flour and salt in a large bowl. In a separate bowl mix together the water, a few drops of food colouring and the oil.</li><li>2. Pour the coloured water into the flour mix and bring together with a spoon.</li><li>3. Dust a work surface with a little flour and turn out the dough. Knead together for a few minutes to form a smooth, pliable dough. If you want a more intense colour you can work in a few extra drops of food colouring.</li><li>4. Store in a plastic sandwich bag (squeeze out the air) in the fridge to keep it fresh.</li></ol>
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