






## A Snapshot of our week

Here are some ideas and activities that we would have been doing in nursery this week. In nursery we do lots of play based learning and follow the children's interests and lead to develop and extend their play. For the next few weeks our theme is based around construction, buildings and demolition! I have tried to adapt the activities around the toys and resources you might have at home. If you have any questions or need anything please don't hesitate to email me on the class email: [snowdrop@st-james.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:snowdrop@st-james.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Theme: How does that building stay up?		Week	18.01.21
Book: A Squash and a Squeeze	Colour of the week: blue	Commencing:	

<p><b>Personal, Social and Emotional</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I have designed a template based on the 'That's not my...' books. Print it out and cut out the house. Explore the inside or outside environment and look for different materials to talk about. Children often find it hard to describe things so this activity will encourage them to look at different textures and patterns and will build on their vocabulary.</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Communication and Language</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read the story 'A squash and a squeeze' and then challenge your child to build a house for a lego person or figure using construction toys such as duplo or lego. Upload a photo on EExAT.</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Physical Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cutting skills – try cutting playdough with scissors. Roll the dough into sausage shapes and then cut it into pieces.</li> <li>Dough Disco – On Fridays we do dough disco. I will be uploading a video of this. All you need is playdough and some music. We squeeze, bend, stretch, roll and pinch the dough. This helps to strengthen hand muscles and fine motor skills.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Literacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 1 Phonic sessions – I will be uploading some videos of some phonics activities that you can do at home.</li> <li>If you have large sheets or a roll of paper, lay it down on the floor. Write lots of different names on it. (friends and family members). Challenge your child to find their name as many times as they can and circle it. Talk about the other letters/words you can see. If your child cannot recognise their whole name yet, start with the initial letter.</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Maths</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of the week – 2 – have a go at forming number 2 with your magic finger in the air, on someone's back or on the floor. Then have a go at writing number 2 on some paper. Can you count out 2 objects from a group of objects.</li> <li>I have uploaded an activity where we choose a number and count out the corresponding number of objects. You can count anything – counters, bricks, spoons! Have a go at home!</li> <li>Can you make a house using different 2D shapes? What shapes have you used? How many?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Understanding the World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have a go on Phonics Play – My favourite game is Cake Bake. Which one is yours?</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Expressive Arts and Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science experiment - Can you make a rainbow? All you need is some skittles! Place the skittles around the edge of the plate. Add a little bit of warm water in the middle. Watch the</li> </ul> 

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