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Suggestions for activities to do at home during school closure (Reception)

In Reception we follow the children's interests and learn through play. Below we have listed some fun and hopefully exciting ideas for you to follow up with your children at your own pace. Ask your children what they already know about each topic. Please investigate further (if your child is really interested in the topic) and encourage deeper learning through books, research, role play, questioning, drawing and making as you see fit.

Pirate adventure!

Related book: *The Troll* by Julia Donaldson: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZ1Q_f7JJ8E

Mission: Design and make a pirate treasure map to go on a scavenger hunt... (you could even rub a wet teabag over your map to make it more authentic!)

Maths challenge – Can you find 3 square shaped items on your hunt? Can you find 3 circle shaped items on your hunt? See if you can write a number sentence to show how many of these items you have found altogether e.g. $3 + 3 = ?$ What other shapes can you spot?

Writing challenge – Can you create your own pirate 'wanted' poster? Draw a picture of the pirate you wish to capture and write a sentence underneath saying why he should walk the plank! You might start your sentence with 'This pirate is wanted because...'

Creative challenge – What can you use to make your own pirate telescope? Don't forget to decorate it! Perhaps you could use this on your hunt!

Pirate island playdough: <https://theimaginationtree.com/pirate-island-play-dough-storytelling/>

Art attack!

Related book: *Cave Baby* by Julia Donaldson: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-3Md0E8uUKQ>

Creative challenge: What can you use to create your own abstract artwork? Think about the different tools you could use in paint e.g. a fork, fingers, a potato masher, leaves, a toothbrush...

Maths challenge – Can you measure and make a frame to go around your artwork? How many hands long is your frame? You may need a ruler or something straight to help make your frame!

Writing challenge – Create an art exhibition at home! Stick your artwork up around your house or along your garden fence and take your family on a tour! Can you make tickets for the exhibition and write your family members names on them and what time it starts?

Virtual tour of abstract art exhibition: <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=rZKD45uRWV5>

Superhero superpowers!

Related book: Supertato by Sue Hendra: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QlaMeNmTG6c>

Mission: What would your superpower be? Can you design your own superhero costume?

Maths challenge – Most superheroes are strong! Can you find 4 heavy objects in your house or garden and 4 light objects? See if you can put them in order from lightest to heaviest.

Writing challenge – Can you write a list of the objects you found? Don't forget to number the items in your list!

Creative challenge – Can you create your own superhero mask? What can you use to make and decorate it?

Frozen superpower experiment: <https://foreverymom.com/mom-gold/cool-pun-intended-easy-science-activities-give-kids-queen-elsas-frozen-powers/>

Rainbow feelings: together time

Related book: The Colour Monster by Anna Llenas:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6wIEp-M4tq>

Nature: Go for a walk to the beach or woods. Think about what you can see, hear, smell? Breathe in the fresh air and notice all the beautiful things around you. Can you find a special pebble or leaf to take home to remember your walk?

Circle time: Try and make time to sit together as a family and talk about your thoughts, feelings and experiences. This can be from your walk, from your time together as a family or just your feelings today. Perhaps you could pass round your special leaf or pebble from your walk to take it in turns to speak.

Mindfulness: Involve your whole family in joining in with these relaxing breathing exercises: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O29e4rRMrV4&t=75s> Can you make a rainbow?

Creative challenge: Make a memory box or picture to remember your time together. You may want to make a rainbow picture, or even gather special objects from your walk(s) and decorate a box for them to go inside.