

Half Term Fun

Here are some fun ideas to do at home during half term. Enjoy!

• AN INDOOR TREASURE HUNT

Create a map of your home and hide small items around it. Mark each piece of hidden treasure on the map. Explain the map to your little one and offer your support for the hunting game in case they need it.

Once they've found all the treasure, why not get them to organise their own hunt? They can draw their own map or come up with their own cryptic clues to send you on a great search.

- Try a new recipe. Have a look for something new to bake.
- Plant some flowers or vegetables
- Play board games
- Build a den
- Dine outdoors. You could have breakfast or lunch in the garden.

• HAVE A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR YOUR FAVOURITE TOY

This requires nothing but things you already have at home. It's up to your imagination and circumstances - how big do you want this celebration to be? It could be anything from just a pretend tea party to a big party with music, balloons, treats and party games (think Musical Statues, Pass The Parcel and Simon Says).

• LIFE SIZE DRAWINGS

Stick a load of A4 sheets of paper together (or if you have a big wall paper roll even better!) and place it on the floor. Encourage the kids to lie down on it and outline their body with a pen. From this moment on there is no way to stop the kids getting creative: colour in, add accessories to the figures like stickers or stamps, design clothes with old material offcuts or other things you might find lying around.

• RECREATE CLASSIC 90'S GAMESHows

What about filling a tent with toy money, and blowing it around with a hairdryer - hey presto, behold the Crystal Dome! Collect a load of different items, ask your kids to remember as many as they can, and see who wins the most ("cuddly toy!"). Think Generation Game, The price is Right !

• ROCK PAINTING

Make a quick dash outside to grab some rocks. Clean them off and paint them, or decorate them with markers.

• AN INDOOR FASHION SHOW

Get your favourite clothes, dress up and strike a pose!

- Puppet show – make some stick, sock or spoon puppets and retell a story or make one up of your own.

- Obstacle Course – make an obstacle course inside or out and time each other. You could make little medals or certificates to give out at the end.
- Write letters to family or friends.
- Go on a walk every day and think of a different thing to look out for. How many dogs did you see? How many cars drove past you? How many different kinds of wild life did you see?
- Family Quiz – get everyone to think of 5 questions each about any topic. Take turns to ask a question and each time you get a question right you get a point. I wonder who will win?
- Make a comfy reading den – you could use pillows or cushions and then read your favourite books in there.
- Make paper aeroplanes and have a flying competition to see which one goes the farthest.

Remember to keep happy, safe and well