

# Ideas to entertain the children at home

These activities/challenges are designed to fit into everyday life and do not require any specialist equipment

## Build a den

- Using any old material, bed sheets, blankets, pegs etc.

## Hold a worm

- Any worm you can find in the garden!

## Make a mud pie

- The best mud pie have extra ingredients, grass, stones, and daisies.

## Junk Modelling

- Using boxes, tubes, egg cartons, empty yogurt pots, kitchen roll tubes. Anything that you would normally recycled can be used to junk model. Let your children use their imaginations and create anything they wish, or set them a challenge to create a robot.

**Parachute games** – These games can be done with a parachute or just with a sheet or blanket.



<http://www.earlyyearscares.com/eyc/learning-and-development/top-5-parachute-games-children-early-years/>



This website gives an insight into the learning your children are doing at home whilst “playing”. No parent should feel pressurised to be sat at a table teaching their child. Child will be feeling anxious too during these uncertain times. <https://www.sitters.co.uk/blog/the-15-best-activities-for-children-to-help-them-learn-through-play.aspx>



**Twinkl** is a website that is often used by practitioners and teachers to get resources to support topic based learning. Twinkl have recently opened the website to everyone and made all resources free to access. There are lots of different resources/ideas for every area of development based on the different ages of children from EYFS age to year 6.

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/home-early-years/home-early-years-home-learning>



**Support and tips to keep going whilst we all deal with this change to our everyday lives**

<https://childmind.org/article/supporting-kids-during-the-covid-19-crisis/>



**Literacy and numeracy activities to print or get ideas from to help your children** <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/kids-activities/>



**Helping prepare your child for school, useful tips for parents/carers and professionals**

<https://www.pacey.org.uk/working-in-childcare/spotlight-on/being-school-ready/#factsheets>



**Bright Horizons.**

**Sensory activities for Babies/Toddlers/Preschool**

<https://www.brighthorizons.com/family-resources/sensory-activities-for-kids-at-home>



**Dough Disco** – Shonette provides a disco with playdoh to support children's fine motor skills, getting them ready to use pencil control or to support handwriting. It's also fun.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj0shfH3pzhrf3dOrSj\\_pRw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj0shfH3pzhrf3dOrSj_pRw)



**Jolly phonics** – A website that provides resource's to support phonics. Some of these are just helping children to get used to how letters make different sounds. Make you choose the British version of the sounds.

<https://www.jollylearning.co.uk/resource-bank>



**Read Write Inc** – This scheme is used to teach children to read in quite a few of our schools. They are providing short 10-15 minute You Tube videos to support children's phonics

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fbLgY2oA\\_cFC1g9GdxtQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fbLgY2oA_cFC1g9GdxtQ)



**British Toy and Hobby association** – A website that can also be downloaded as an app. Lots of games and things to print and do together such as word search, dot to dot, flashcards.

<https://www.maketime2play.co.uk/play-right-now/print-n-play>



**Joe Wicks PE sessions** – A workout for the family. The full workout might be a bit too much for the younger child but can be done as a family. These sessions go live every day at 9 am but can be accessed at any time

<https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1>



**Andy's wild workouts** – Workouts for younger children that are linked to encourage learning about animals

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p06tmmvz/andys-wild-workouts>



**Strictly come dancing Oti Mabuse dance lessons** - Themed dance lessons for children and families children's theme at 1130am and the family/adult session around a dance genre at 19:30pm. These sessions can be accessed after the live session

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC58aowNEXHHnfIR\\_5YTtP4g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC58aowNEXHHnfIR_5YTtP4g)



**BBC Good food** – Non cook recipes for kids

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/search/guides?query=No-cook%20kids>



**Tesco easy Children's recipes**- kid-friendly and most importantly easy to prepare.

<https://realfood.tesco.com/recipes/collections/easy-recipes-for-kids.html>



**Salt dough recipe and creative activities by age** – A website where you can find the recipe for salt dough and creative activities that can be sorted by age of the child or resources that you have.

<https://www.learning4kids.net/2012/12/09/how-to-make-salt-dough-recipe/>



**Cbeebies** – A website where you can find lots of fun and educational activities based around their favourite TV programmes.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies>



**Telford Libraries service** – Bounce and Rhyme sessions for our younger children. Anyone welcome to take part, links to access within this link

[https://healthytelford.com/2020/03/31/telford-libraries-entertain-people-staying-at-home/?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](https://healthytelford.com/2020/03/31/telford-libraries-entertain-people-staying-at-home/?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)